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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Solving Our Problems

by Ted Hunt

At the time this is being written, the contract has not yet been finalized. We believe it will be finalized while this edition of the *Blue Line* is being printed.

If we have not settled the contract, we will be prosecuting our "Battle Plans." No one wants to do battle. Whenever there is a war, people get hurt, sometimes seriously. But once in awhile arrogance, ignorance, or both, force you to fight for what is right.

I am particularly disappointed because our team has worked diligently to be a part of the solution to the serious and significant problems facing LAPD, and the image problems that we have are massive. A high-ranking police official from New Zealand noted that most people from "down-under" believe that LAPD is corrupt. This incorrect perception by many hurts to the core.

It is a shame that we, as rank-and-file officers, have been treated as if we are the enemy of the City and the management, instead of trusted and valued members of a team.

This entire negotiations process has been a difficult fight. If we, as police officers, were truly respected and valued by the management of the City and the Department, we would not have to fight for basic rights and a decent contract. It is all about what they think of us, which is reflected in how we are treated.

People respond to how they are treated. Part of the LAPD mission statement and values statement pay lip service to "treating people with dignity and respect." But the reality is quite different and officers are voting with their feet. They are leaving. And recruit candidates are voting with their feet. They aren't joining.

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1. The first thing is to allow each division to decide what form of compressed work schedule they want to work and then implement it. No tit-for-tat, no silly little underhanded deals. Just implement it. It is good for the Department, the City, and the people we serve.
2. Next, change the "house of cards" we call a disciplinary system. No peace officer is against rigid discipline. A police officer must be comfortable with and accept a strictly disciplined and orderly system, otherwise, he or she could have never made it through the Academy. But the system we have is not discipline. The system we have devastates the heart and soul

of good, hard-working, honest, go-the-extra-mile officers.

3. Finally, restore Senior Lead Officers so that patrol officers, detectives and community people can have a police services coordinator in the subdivisions of their respective areas. SLO's have been shown to improve the prevention of crime and the resolution to crime problems. That makes the people who pay our salaries happy. They pay the taxes that pay our

salaries.

Doing those three simple things would lift morale of the Department immeasurably and stop the attack on management by councilmembers and citizen groups. Simple things. No cost. In fact, CWS saves money. It seems to be a "no brainer."

LAPD could be called the "Incredible Shrinking Department." Remember when Mayor Dick Riordan was reelected about three years ago? He boasted that we had reached 10,000 officers. But today, we have approximately 9,300 officers, that is about 700 less than that "all time goal." But, the Department is still budgeted for approximately 10,000 officers.

To put that "shrinkage" into perspective, it is like losing the entire Long Beach Police Department in a period of

three years. Long Beach is one of the largest cities and departments in the State of California.

Where have they all gone? Is the City playing some kind of accounting trick with the number of officers in the budget at the risk to public safety? Or are things at LAPD so bad that tenured officers are leaving in droves and new employees cannot be hired?

The outlook isn't good. Right now it is very bleak. Many people say that the Rampart Scandal has far more serious and long-range implications than the Rodney King incident. One of those realities is the Department of Justice's demands for changes or they will sue for a consent decree to force changes. D.O.J. doesn't trust LAPD management to get the job done.

In this latest LAPD crisis it is management who is the target, not the rank-and-file officers who were the targets nearly 10 years ago. People do not disrespect and spit at officers as they did 10 years ago. We believe that the way our League has handled this difficult situation has kept the average "copper" out of the public, federal government, and media attack zone. There is not the great disdain for "blue suiters" as there was 10 years ago.

Although it doesn't look like it right now, we are going to triumph. We need to elevate our thinking about who we are and what we do. We are going to bring LAPD back to its greatness. I am proud to be a Los Angeles Police Officer.

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Officers Arraigned in Criminal Courts

It was Monday, May 15, 2000, 0830 hours, when I arrived at the downtown Criminal Courts building. As I approached the congested parking lot, I noticed a radio news reporter briskly walking toward the courthouse located at 210 West Temple Street. Upon entering the parking lot, I saw a swarm of marked news vehicles parked in and around the courthouse. There were Channels 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, and the foreign press. I entered the courthouse and noticed numerous news-camera crews staked out on the first floor near the main entrance and bank of elevators. Knowing most of the media crews from past interviews, I said hello and went up to the 13th floor and entered Department 100 where people were milling around the courtroom. I had a brief conversation with the bailiff assigned to the courtroom and took a seat near the center of the room. There were a number of other LAPD officers I recognized sitting in the rear of the courtroom. Among them were: Sergeant Brian Liddy, Sergeant Eddie Ortiz, and Officer Paul Harper. We exchanged greetings and sat down while Judge Larry Fiedler called cases. It was the usual situation we have all seen in court. Many handcuffed defendants in orange jail clothing being escorted into the

courtroom by deputies and entering pleas for the crimes they were charged. Then the judge called the case of the People of the State of California against defendants, Los Angeles Police Department members Sergeant Liddy, Sergeant Ortiz, and Officer Harper. The three stepped forward with their attorneys and were arraigned. They each entered not-guilty pleas to multiple felony counts. Their preliminary hearing is set for early July.

Your League is providing the legal representation for these officers, and I will be following this case and reporting on it for you. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to the three accused of illegal activity by none other than that low-life, lying, thief-criminal, Raphael Perez.

Mayoral Debate

Your League will be sponsoring a debate with the leading mayoral candidates at the July Delegates meeting. The debate will be held at the Sportsman's Lodge in Studio City on Tuesday, July 11, 2000, at 1800 hours. This event is open to all League members and their guests.

You will have an opportunity to listen to what the candidates say about their plans for the Department and its future leadership. Members will be given an opportunity to ask the candidates questions. Dinner will be provided to League members and their guests. Dinner will be served from 1700 to 1800 hours. If you

are interested in attending, please contact the League office and provide your name and the name(s) of your guests. You will be put on the dinner list and provided VIP seating for the debate. Please be sure to RSVP via e-mail (lisa@lappl.org); fax (213) 251-4566; or phone (213) 251-4599 your names to the League.



Action photo by Dennis P. Zine

LAPD / LAFD personnel assisting an elderly man with a medical emergency.

Enough is Enough

Brady letters are being handed out like candy at Halloween by the Department. Officers are being removed from field duty, demoted, and placed in non-field positions due to old personnel complaints. This unfair activity by the Department is affecting numerous officers. Anyone who has been given a Brady letter and removed from the field is requested to send a copy of your Brady letter to the League, so that we can pursue court actions against this punitive action by the Department. Send a copy of your Brady letter to our General Counsel Hank Hernandez, 1308 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles, California 90017.

The Ranks Continue to Shrink

As of June 4, 2000, the Department's sworn personnel totaled a whopping 9,346 officers. This includes all personnel from the youngest recruit to the chief of police. The City has allocated millions of dollars in the 2000-2001 Department budget to maintain a sworn strength of 10,061 officers effective July 1. With recruit classes falling lower and lower in numbers and the anticip-

ed avalanche of retirements due over the next few months, it will be a miracle if we come remotely close to achieving even 9,500 officers. The financial incentives created by the City to attract and recruit out-of-state candidates have apparently not paid off.

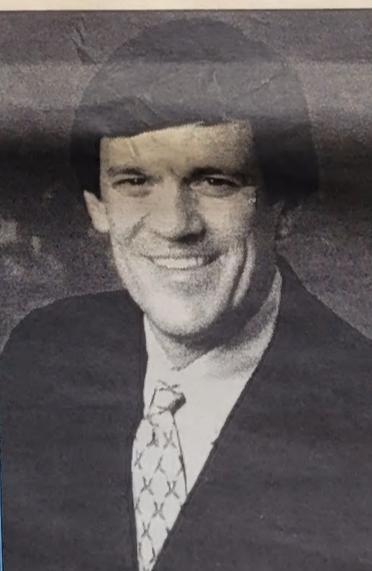
This situation will only change for the better when Department managers finally realize that their torture and negative discipline is causing our professional and experienced officers to quit in increasing numbers, and find better agencies that appreciate them and the sacrifices they make to protect and serve. Like agencies that offer a compressed work schedule, a fair disciplinary system and many 21st century job benefits.

Contract

The next three-year contract reached a tentative settlement in late June. The contract offers us the opportunity to surpass many law enforcement agencies in the Southern California region, including the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department. I hope that you are all pleased with the proposed contract and

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City Attorney's Office Turns Over Confidential Personnel Files to Plaintiff's Attorney

Recently, a Los Angeles Police Department lieutenant filed a discrimination complaint with the United States Federal District Court, claiming he was unfairly passed over for promotion to the rank of captain. In his brief, the attorney for the plaintiff requested confidential personnel files, personnel complaints and TEAMS reports on all candidates who participated in the past and current captain's examination process be turned over to the plaintiff. Unfortunately, this absurd request was granted, despite opposing arguments by Deputy City Attorney Janis Barquist. After numerous complaints from League members, I researched this issue and found that although our personnel records are confidential and legally protected in the State of California, there is only limited confidentiality for personnel records in the federal court, and state rules regarding personnel records do not apply in federal court. Therefore, the City had no recourse but to turn over these documents.

For those of us still fuming over the federal court's ruling, you should know that the presiding judge has placed a protective order guaranteeing the confidentiality of these personnel files. The protect order is designed to ensure the confidentiality of your records. If the plaintiff and/or his attorney inappropriately releases information regarding your personnel files they can be held liable for contempt of court for violating this order. While the City Attorney's Office has been entrusted with the task of guarding our records, their hands were tied in dealing with the federal court. It is my understanding that almost every past and current lieutenant on the cap-

tain's list has voiced their opposition to releasing their records to the plaintiffs attorney. To ensure that this type of political maneuvering by plaintiffs who seek our personnel records does not occur again in the future, I would encourage all rank-and-file members of this Department to write to their congressional leaders and amend the confidentiality laws concerning police personnel records so that the same protections afforded to officers in state court apply in federal court.

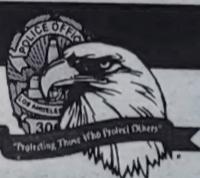
Police Officer Recruitment Incentive Program Approved by the City

Effective June 1, 2000, the City's Personnel Department implemented a new strategy for recruiting police candidates, by offering all City employees a \$200.00 bonus for every candidate they attract who successfully enters the Police Academy. To qualify for this bonus, each perspective candidate must turn in the "Police Officer Recruitment Incentive Program Card" to the proctor at time of testing. Failure to do so will nullify the City employee's eligibility for the \$200.00 bonus.

This program was implemented to enhance our recruitment efforts and to reward City employees who assist us in this process. It has long been said that the best recruiters in the City have always been the men and women who comprise our civilian and sworn work force. Those employees who qualify for bonuses can expect to see payments within 4-6 weeks after the police candidate has been appointed to the Police Academy. Recruitment incentive cards have been delivered to every division in the City and replacement cards are available through the City's personnel department. For additional information, please call the Department's Recruitment Unit at (323) 957-4530.

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CCLEA California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations representing 28 California police officer associations.

SCALE Southern California Alliance of Law Enforcement representing 19 police officer associations.

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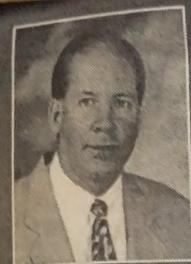
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MOU Negotiations

At the writing of this article, we are very close with the City in agreeing to a new MOU contract. I am hoping as you are reading this article, that the League has already presented to you, the members, the contract for ratification.

As being part of the negotiations process, I would just like to give recognition where recognition is due. First, I would like to thank the Delegates on the MOU Committee for their hours of hard work: Jack Cota, Randy Quan, Kevin McClure, Corina Draper, Gary Fredo, Barbara Carranza, and Tom Anderson. Additionally, I acknowledge the efforts of my fellow Directors and General Counsel. Each one of us had a job to do as a member of the team, from City Hall to the Department and Mayor's office, to the negotiating table. I believe this team approach worked, as I hope we have a contract on time.

Grievances

I filed a grievance months ago and recently had an arbitration hearing on the issues. The issues were as follows: Ron Rieser was a D-III at Wilshire Homicide. As with most divisions, the Department would only pay for two Homicide Detectives on call, yet the D-III would be notified in the middle of the night and would be expected to respond, without receiving any compensation for being on call.

The Department's position at the arbitration hearing was that they were merely notifying the D-III, and did not expect the D-III to respond - only if he or she wanted.

The arbitrator found, as anybody else would have, that this approach is flawed. The arbitrator ruled in the League's and the member's favor, and ruled that the member shall receive back pay for the times he did not receive any on-call compensation. This totaled approximately 106 hours of time. Congratulations, Ron Rieser!

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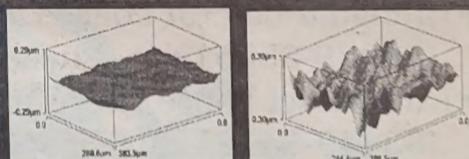
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THE DECLINE OF LAPD!

The LAPD/Rampart Scandal mutates geometrically each day. The recent ghastly details in various newspapers leave me speechless. But more than anything else; I'm heartbroken. I have watched the Department slowly suffer from the corrosive effects of quotas that were fatally mixed with the speedy expansion of the Department.

In a great country like ours, it is possible to have a police department that reflects both diversity and quality; but it requires due-diligence and time. Our country is based on a Constitution and a Bill of Rights; the powers of a police officer are the very antithesis to these precious documents.

We give our officers a gun, a uniform an intrusive access into our private lives. But these extraordinary powers require discipline and to ensure that only disciplined people are bestowed these powers extraordinary care must be taken in their selection. Pursuing a speedy expansion of the Department at the expense of a deliberate quality-based personnel search has given us the Rampart scandal.

The corrosion of our Department began well before the Rodney King incident. Recruiting decisions were prioritized with diversity and gender goals, comprising the primacy of just attracting the best and brightest. The cliché "speed kills" certainly applies in the on-

going disasters that have consumed LAPD. The quick Department build-up required the following compromises:

1. Persons with questionable backgrounds were hired. Misdemeanor arrest records and personal financial irregularities were honored or looked over.
2. The academy stopped being a stressful experience designed to "de-select" recruits and became a kinder and gentler program designed to graduate as many people as possible.
3. It became more difficult to fire unqualified probationary officers after they were assigned to patrol duties.
4. Officers approaching the end of their probationary field time were allowed into specialized units such as CRASH and narcotics. In previous years, these units were a reward to proven street officers with years of experience. Those accepted into these specialized units had demonstrated the discipline and the ability to work effectively and legally with less oversight. When I say "less oversight" I mean that they already had acquired the qualities needed to be effective supervisors but they still sought more experience.
5. Officers just off probation were allowed to be training officers. The obvious effect: "the almost blind leading the blind."

6. Receiving promotions became a more admired attribute than acquired experience. Police officers that were still working the field after 5 or 10 years were looked upon as unmotivated and "damaged goods," instead of a solid stable core asset to the Department.

Many of the police officers that came on the job during the 1970's and early 80's were military veterans. As a result, discipline was demanded and a simple creed was emphasized, "as a police officer, you must learn how to take orders before you can learn how to give orders." This was quite a shock for those who followed from the "Age of Aquarius" generation. We thought that idealism was enough.

Our experienced military-minded training officers taught us that idealism succeeds only with discipline and attention to duty.

7. The best street police officers that I ever met were high school graduates with military experience. A degree in psychology or business administra-

tion is not a predictor of success for a police officer; the job requires a very special skill that few people have....Common Sense.

8. Less experienced police officers lead to less experienced supervisors and detectives.

As a result of this, supervision suffered. The "red flags" of improper procedures went unnoticed. Less experience means less confidence in oneself and leads to timidity and reluctance to confidently guide subordinates.

The aforementioned ingredients that caused this cauldron of corruption began to bubble as early as ten years ago. It has now boiled over and scalded this once magnificent police department. The Department, the City of Los Angeles and our justice system will suffer these scars for decades to come.

This article is thoughts that were shared with me by fellow detectives, thanks for your input! Stay Safe Out There.

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One of the most difficult things about being the best, is staying the best. When someone or something is on a pedestal there is always someone waiting to try to kick them off. Why, because they can try. We have had a number of incidents in the recent past that have made our pedestal somewhat shaky, giving us the appearance

that we are a Department ready to topple. There is a very vocal minority circling like sharks in a feeding frenzy, who would love nothing more than our Department to fall. They make people like Rodney King their champion and Rafael Perez their excuse.

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On a side note, during negotiations the Board of Rights manual was discussed and the Department made major changes to the manual to benefit the Department advocate. You will notice the changes as soon as you are sworn in. The Department has decided to remove the words "so help me God" from the oaths given to the reporter, interpreter and witnesses. I don't believe that everyone swears an oath to the same God but people are swearing an oath to a being that they believe is greater than they are. We argued the point and attempted to keep God in our Department no matter how small that part might be. The Department negotiators argued that we might get sued because we have God in our oath to tell the truth. I think the truth is that it is easier on people's consciences to lie without swearing an oath before their God. It makes no sense. Maybe we want people to feel comfortable when they lie. We were told "okay, give us a proposal in writing that the League wants to keep it in and we will, but only if it is signed by the League." We did just that and we were lied to and God was removed. Evidently, God has no place in the Los Angeles Police Department. Maybe that is why we have the problems that we have. I think

maybe we should replace God with Chief. He wants to play God anyway. "So help me, Chief."

Protection From Whom?

Has it been my imagination or have we been paying to protect **Rafael Perez**? It seems strange to me that a convicted liar and thief would need protection from anyone, especially since he has come clean and we all know that we can trust every word that comes out of his mouth now. The real troubling thing about this situation is that we don't really know how many lies or what types of lies Rafael Perez has told. The District Attorney knows and so does Chief Parks. Why then is that information such a guarded secret? It has come to the point that the defense attorneys representing the accused officers are being given gag orders so they can't talk about the case. In the mean time we watch a convict be paraded around like some conquering hero. He has bodyguards. Don't let anyone tell you that they are just escorts. If they were just escorts why are our officers' Boards of Rights held in secret places, the location of which is only disclosed minutes before the Board is to start? The Board of Rights has been described as a "kangaroo court" in the past. It is more like the "Star Chamber" today. This coun-

try has principles that govern the way we as citizens of this country are treated. Those principles are called "Rights."

We seem to have lost sight of our rights at some point during this "Rampart Scandal."

Is Rafael Perez's life in some real danger or is that just an excuse to keep this entire "Rampart" thing in the dark? Our discipline system has become the stage for the Rampart Scandal to be played out on. The District Attorney has no case or he is taking his time to make sure that he doesn't have a trial before his bid for re-election in November. I think he is worried about losing another "Big One" and he must believe that it will hurt his chances for re-election. I don't personally think it will make a difference. I think the die has been cast. Unfortunately our Department has been playing this game and you have been caught in the middle. If we are to "get to the truth of the matter" then let's do it in the light of day. Not in some secret location where

you as a Department member are not welcome and where the press is certainly not welcome.

Don't forget these are public hearings. Why do we have them in secret locations? Please tell me why my tax dollars are being spent guarding this liar. Is there a credible threat from the hard-working, men and women of our own Department? Or is the threat from those officers that have been wrongly accused? The point is that Perez might feel the need for protection because of all the lies that he has told, but the reality is that nobody on the Police Department thinks he is worth losing their job over, let alone their freedom. The Department might feel the need to give him protection to continue to sensationalize a case that has little to no merit because they have made such a big deal out of this thing and now they have egg on their faces. The District Attorney will continue to continue cases because he is afraid to lose another high profile case. (He should be afraid).

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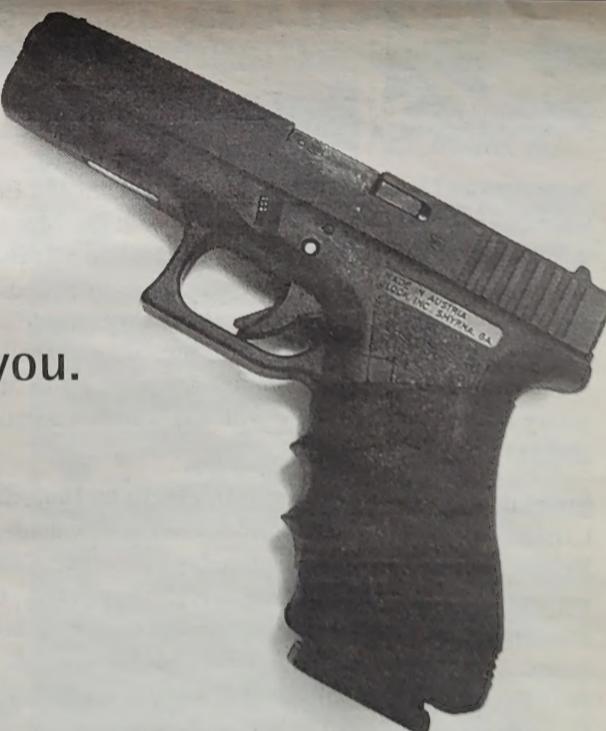
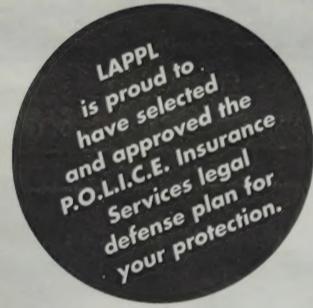
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The television series *60 Minutes* recently did a story on allegedly how harsh California's Three Strikes law seems to be. They talked about how some people are now serving life sentences for stealing bicycles and pizza... non-violent criminals serving life terms for petty crimes.

Prediction: Bernard Parks will institute a Three Strikes disciplinary system wherein LAPD officers will be fired for their third sustained complaint. There is no doubt that on Brady issues (integrity, honesty, and false and misleading statements) you will be fired on the first offense. But on petty misconduct, management will hypothesize, "If you didn't learn from your first two sustained complaints, you're not going to get a third chance." They call it negligent retention.

I'm telling you that it is going to get worse with Chief Parks' scorched earth disciplinary system.

The reason is that our honest President, Bill ("I didn't have sexual relations with that woman") Clinton has his civil rights bun boy Bill Lann Lee filing a "patterns and practices" lawsuit against the City of Los Angeles for allowing the LAPD to run amok. Bill Lann Lee told the press, "This suit would allege that the LAPD is engaged in a pattern or practice of constitutional violations through excessive force, false arrests, unreasonable searches

and seizures, and that management deficiencies have allowed this misconduct to occur." I firmly believe the City should fight and challenge this lawsuit. Make the feds prove their case. If they don't fight the lawsuit, these gutless politicians will be acknowledging that these ridiculous allegations are true. Our police officers do an outstanding job to make our citizens safe. When our swell gutless city officials roll over and implement the federally-imposed programs, you will lose. You really need to look at the federally-funded TEAMS II (OBITS - Officer Behavior Indicator Tracking System). I asked the Chief and the Police Commission to identify the criteria that identifies a "problem officer." They replied they could not provide that data. I have later learned that the programming data to identify problem officers is a secret much like the data that the IRS uses to select people for tax audits.

You need to be concerned because you can be identified as a problem officer by TEAMS II, even though you have committed no misconduct and have done nothing wrong. Example: You get three unfounded personnel complaints, you get one traffic collision where you are not party one, and you get in one in-policy officer-involved shooting; the computer will identify you as a problem officer. What a great system. Of course the police

officer who does nothing and doesn't get complaints, won't be identified as a problem officer. Guess who will get the promotion... the slug, not the worker. It's another great message from management.

There's more to this. Bill Lann Lee was going to get a high post in the Department of Justice, but he would not be able to get Senate confirmation because of his extreme left views. But Clinton and Janet Reno got him an influential job in the Civil Rights Division where he could carry out his agenda. Bill Lann Lee is from Los Angeles where he and his friend, civil rights attorney Connie Rice have long shared a bias against LAPD. They are good human beings with noble ideals, but they lack objectivity. This is their last chance to get back at LAPD before the Clinton clan gets kicked out of Washington, D.C. That is why our city officials must fight this misplaced federal oversight. We are not out of control police officers and we are good police officers. Punish the ones who commit crimes and break the rules, not the 99.9% hardworking good officers.

You can take preventative measures to prevent you and your families' job and financial security from becoming jeopardized. Don't do anything that cannot be articulated. Forget hunches and gut feelings. It is better to let a thousand criminals evade justice than for you to generate a personnel complaint. Do you think the *L.A. Times*, *Daily News*, or the Chief cares about you? Rafael Perez is the criminal, not you, yet the news media has broad brushed all of us. They won't get off of our backs either, because sensationalized news accentuating the negative is more important to sales and advertising. They'll give you two days of print in sympathy when an officer is murdered and one year of kicking you when you're down if there is one bad apple. The hard-working men and women of LAPD who have nothing to do with Rafael Perez do not deserve the media bashing that is relentless.

There are two sections in the manual covering "Reverence for the Law" and "Respect for Constitutional Rights." Abide by those sections and it will keep you out of trouble. In-car video cameras and on-officer cameras can protect police officers from frivolous complaints and protect the City from civil liability. That's a hell of a better idea than the Chief's nine-million-dollar IAD proposal. The FBI and L.A. County District Attorney's Office do

not make arrests without warrants. That's a good idea that can keep officers out of trouble. Once a judge signs a warrant, absent a false affidavit, the officer has immunity. Our Department jeopardized the well-being of our officers and the community with FAS-TRAC and arrest quotas. An officer would be well suited to follow the spirit of the law and obtain judicial approval prior to making arrests or conducting warrantless searches. Is your career worth getting evidence without a warrant that may be overturned later by a judge and have Bernard's avengers sustain a complaint for an illegal search? The Department doesn't support this concept because it will require overtime to be utilized. You know the Department's overtime policy, "It's better to let a thousand felons get away, than to spend one hour of OT." They can't have it both ways. They encourage officers to take shortcuts to achieve goals and save overtime. That's what got them in the Rampart mess: "Solve that gang problem any way you can." The officers took short cuts with management's blessings and now their careers are on the line. Yet not a single command officer has their career on the line. Make management do their job. Demand supervisor approval for search and arrest warrants. Demand supervisory on-sight inspections and oversight so you are not standing by yourself six months later when some Monday morning quarterback in the ivory tower determines that you should have performed your task in a different manner. If you think these things don't happen, go attend a few Boards of Rights where the advocate brings in Department expert witnesses to testify that you did not conduct yourself within policy. It happens with regularity. This Department will leave you hanging on there on your own to get fired. Management blowhards will tell you to go out there and do aggressive, proactive professional police work. Ask Brian Liddy where it got him. Ask him who from management is supporting him while he's out on bail for arresting hard-core armed criminals. Be careful out there. Perform your daily tasks with deliberation and safety. Don't risk your career for a management system that doesn't support you. A sustained complaint can end your career and it doesn't matter what your recap was. Hard work and good deeds have no meaning or value in this scorched earth disciplinary era.



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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

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Plea Agreement With Rafael Perez Should Be Set Aside

On September 8, 1999, Deputy District Attorney Richard Rosenthal entered into a plea agreement with self-confessed liar and thief Rafael Perez. This plea agreement was offered only for the purpose of learning the truth from Perez about the extent of his criminal conduct and that of any fellow officers or associates. It obligates Perez to tell the truth at all times, whether during the course of the Rampart Scandal investigation, in court, or in a Board of Rights' hearing. Perez is required to tell the truth no matter who asks the questions - a police officer, a prosecutor, a defense attorney or a judge. According to this plea agreement, Perez shall be subjected to prosecution for perjury for any intentional deviation from the truth while testifying under oath.

After the plea agreement was entered into, Perez accused two young officers, among many others, of conspiring with Perez and others to plant a gun and contraband on a narcotics suspect named Estrada.

These two young officers' misfortune now appears to have been simply because of their assignment to Rampart CRASH while Perez was there on assignment also. The two officers were relieved from duty by the Chief of Police for over nine months and were eventually ordered to a Board of Rights. No criminal charges have been filed against them.

The case against the two young officers was based almost solely on the statements of Perez. This was, to say the least, amazing in itself since Perez, as the world now knows, is an admitted perjurer and a thief who attempted to set up another young innocent officer when he stole 3 kilos of cocaine from Property Division.

Nonetheless, the Board of Rights case against the two young officers went forward.

From the beginning, it was apparent that the LAPD's disciplinary system was bent on finding these officers guilty unless the League's sponsored defense team for the accused officers could show Perez to be the liar that he is.

Estrada, the narcotics suspect and alleged victim in this case, was not located by the Robbery-Homicide Task Force or by Internal Affairs. Despite this, the officers' defense team was able to independently locate Estrada who promptly agreed to testify at the officers' Board of Rights hearing.

Estrada and other civilian witnesses testified at the Board of Rights that Perez was a liar and that the two accused officers had nothing to do with the wrongdoing of Perez. As a result, the Board of Rights had no alternative but to find the accused officers not guilty of all charges since Perez was totally contradicted by the civilian witnesses that had nothing to gain from their testimony.

In fact, their testimony was more believable because their pending civil case against the City would be more potent if more officers were involved in the alleged conspiracy.

Fortunately, these civilian witnesses felt that truth and honor were more important than personal gain. This cannot be said of the LAPD's "star witness," Rafael Perez. Even though the Department Advocate and Deputy District Attorney Rosenthal have tried to brush off implications of the lack of credibility of Perez, it is really apparent now that Perez cannot and should not be relied upon for the truth. For the District Attorney and the Chief of Police to continue with this charade is contrary to their oath of office and to their obligations as public officials.

During Perez' testimony at the Board of Rights he was not allowed to answer several questions asked by one of the officer's attorney, which we believe

weighed heavily on his credibility and veracity.

Perez was asked if he was the getaway driver for former Officer David Mack during the bank robbery. Mack is now in prison for the offense. The defense expected Perez' own lawyer to object, but much to the defense's surprise, it was Deputy District Attorney Rosenthal who vehemently objected. The Board members sustained the objection and Perez did not have to answer. Next, Perez was asked if he had killed anyone and Mr. Rosenthal again objected.

We now must pose these questions - since when is the policy of the Chief of Police and the District Attorney to protect criminals at the expense of innocent officers? It seems to us that their objective now is not to seek the truth, but to win Rampart Scandal cases at all costs! Is this the appropriate way to treat police officers who have unblemished records except for false, bogus and unsubstantiated allegations made by a thief and a liar? No way Jose!

We certainly understand that both the District Attorney and the Chief of Police are under severe pressure to clean up the mess that they created with the Rampart Scandal. However, we are convinced that soon history will show that Perez has lied about many of the officers he has implicated in his own criminal activities. Indeed, corrupt officers cannot be tolerated. But neither can a corrupt system that relies on corrupt testimony. We are hopeful that the District Attorney and the Chief of Police take a very critical look at all the cases identified by Perez and ask themselves if there is sufficient evidence without input from Perez. Their job is not to protect the likes of Rafael

Perez. It is to protect the innocent and prosecute the guilty! To date, we do not believe that this distinction has been made.

The plea agreement struck between the District Attorney and Rafael Perez has been violated over and over by Perez. His testimony, proven to be false on several occasions, requires that the agreement be set aside. Perez should be re-sentenced based on his failure to testify truthfully, and he should not be used in any further proceedings. Perez will surely be impeached continuously in the future. As sure as the District Attorney and the Chief of Police have been told that they would look weak in failing to prosecute accused officers, they will eventually look even worse if they continue to look the other way and continue to use evidence they know to be false and unreliable.

Both the District Attorney and the Chief of Police have a legal and moral obligation to expose Rafael Perez for what he is—an admitted liar and a thief who cannot be relied upon to tell the truth. To continue to coddle him at the expense of innocent officers is plain wrong. History can depict these two public officials with the intestinal fortitude to do the right thing or history will certainly depict them as hapless officials who cowered to the masses and failed to see the truth. It is up to them.

Our sincere congratulations to the accused officers' defense team—attorneys Larry Hanna and Mike Stone and their Defense Reps Mike Laufer and Dave Vinton for a job well done.

Be careful out there and don't forget to wave and smile!

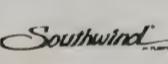


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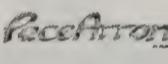
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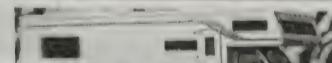
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WARNING BELLS

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

"Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee"

-John Donne

I had a dream. The feds pursuant to their consent decree had taken over the LAPD. Suddenly, LAPD's top management had nothing to do. All of the power and decisions in controlling the Department were in the hands of the federal government. Retiring and moving on to other fields seemed the best choice of action for the LAPD top brass. By an incredible coincidence, the top management of the *Los Angeles Times* had also reached retirement age and, en masse, had retired. Suddenly, top echelon jobs were available for the LAPD managers and they jumped at the opportunity. Several days later, they were all hired.

They immediately formed the Office of the Chief of Publishing consisting of the Chief of Publishing and several Deputy Chiefs of Publishing. Before the ink was dry on their contracts, a staff meeting was in progress.

The first indication of new management from the Times reporter's perspective was the sudden standardization of working hours. They had been used to starting work according to the needs of their assignments, now, because that was too complicated for management to monitor, they all had the same start times. There was grumbling among the reporters, but they continued to make their deadlines on their stories by working the needed hours without pay.

The grumbling came to the attention of the Office of the Chief of Publishing and it was commented upon at the next staff meeting.

"Many of the reporters aren't really team players," said one of the Deputy Chiefs of Publishing, "I don't think they see the big picture." "That's right," said another, "one of the things that has always bothered me about some of these reporters is the inaccuracy of some of their stories caused by not seeing the big picture, especially when they were writing about us."

"I think the reporters have a culture problem," offered a third.

"The citizens of Los Angeles have a right to accurate news," said the Chief of Publishing, "anything less would be to allow mediocrity into this organization."

Times reporters must be held to a higher standard than anyone else. The mediocre reporters certainly have written some unpleasant things about me."

"False things," said one Deputy Chief.

"Misleading things," said another.

"Something has to be done," said the Chief of Publishing.

The next day the editors brought all of the reporters into a meeting. To the

reporter's surprise, they now each had serial numbers.

"We need to track complaints," said a senior editor, "a computer will keep track of them by your serial number."

Complaint forms in several languages were distributed with all the *Los Angeles Times* newspapers and prominently displayed at all of the news racks.

"Complaints from any source will be accepted and investigated," announced the Chief of Publishing.

As might be expected, thousands of complaints rolled in. Many people who had been written about in less than flattering language in the *Times* finally had a forum to register their displeasure. The Office of the Chief of Publishing was forced to create an entire department of investigators to handle the flow. This became known as the Internal Audit Department. Many reporters, who had always wanted to be editors, transferred to the new department to handle the investigations.

The reporters started to protest. They soon found that when they came up for choice assignments, the computer was contacted about the number of complaints attached to their serial numbers. Those with the fewest complaints received the assignments. The fact that the complaints had not been proven true was only mildly relevant.

"Where there is smoke, there is probably fire," one of the editors was heard to say.

One of the senior reporters, who had specialized in corruption and gang crime for years and was a recognized authority in those areas, was particularly vocal in his protests about the new system. This reporter thought that it was his job to ferret out corruption and crime and report it to the community. He felt that the new rules were damaging his ability to carry out the very duties that he had sworn to perform. He continued to go into the worst areas of the city and write stories about the criminals and law breakers, but he also continued to complain about the new system. His complaining became known to the Office of the Chief of Publishing.

"He is a strong peer leader among the other reporters," the head of the Internal Auditing Department reported to the assembled top managers, "he is decorated and has won several writing awards from prestigious organizations."

"He doesn't fit the new *LA Times* culture," the Chief of Publishing said, "audit him carefully."

The reporter was audited carefully. Finally, he made a mistake. A quotation that he wrote in one of his articles had

misplaced words. This was confirmed by a television tape that had been made while the reporter had asked his questions. The meaning of the quotation was not changed by the switched words, but the words did not exactly match the words that were spoken. The reporter received a written complaint. "You knew, or should have known, that your quotation was false," the charges read. A copy of the Webster's Dictionary definition of "quotation" was attached.

The reporter's experience and record of numerous public awards made it impossible to fire him, but the Office of the Chief of Publishing transferred the reporter off the beat to the newspaper delivery section. A letter was issued to him and attached to his serial number by the computer that stated that since he had been guilty of making a false quote, he could no longer be trusted to write accurate articles and therefore would not be allowed to write for the paper again.

Suddenly, the other reporters on the *Times* saw the big picture. Fewer and fewer reporters hit the dark streets to look for their stories. The corrupt and the criminals breathed easier. If a too aggressive reporter was causing concerns in the criminal community, a couple of anonymous letters and a complaint from a stooge would bring the reporter in line. Reporters became more concerned about keeping their serial numbers clean than digging out the facts they needed to do an expose'.

Then a reporter got caught with his hand in the cookie jar. He was stealing money out of the subscription department. While the Internal Audit Department investigators were holding the crooked reporter for the arrival of the police, he started talking. He wanted a deal. If they didn't turn him over to the police, he would tell them about what a large number of reporters on the *Times* were doing.

"They are making up stories," he said. "I can give you details! Names! Dates!" he pleaded. The Internal Audit Department investigators began salivating. Inside information! At last! The deal was made. The crooked reporter was spirited away and interrogated for days.

"We used to sit around the coffee room," the crooked reporter told them, "talking about who we would attack next. We even had code words. The word 'story' was a code word we used that meant making up something about someone in an article."

I'm going to do a "story" on him, a reporter would say and we would know that he was going to make something up about the person for a newspaper article."

The Internal Audit Department investigators were aghast. They brought the crooked reporter a stack of back issues of the *Los Angeles Times* for the previous four years. The crooked reporter reviewed and picked out hundreds of "stories" that he said were false. Each story was given an investigation number and assigned to an investigative team. The team interviewed the criminals and corrupt politicians that were exposed in the stories and, sure enough, they all agreed that the stories were false.

"The problem is widespread!" the investigators reported back to the Chief of Publishing.

"Off with their heads," said the Chief. Reporters were pulled in by the hundreds and interrogated. Each of the suspicious articles pointed out by the crooked reporter was re-investigated. Reporters by the droves were fired or transferred out of the field and into the newspaper delivery department. Reporters who used the word "story" in their interviews were looked at especially hard.

It wasn't long before all of this activity had an effect. The reporters who had continued to dig for their information and go down the dark alleys seeking facts were soon doing nothing but delivering newspapers. Other reporters (usually the cream of the crop) began quitting and going to other newspapers. Young cub reporters would hire on at the *Times* to pick up some training and experience and then transfer to other newspapers just when they were getting good at their jobs.

Circulation and respect for the *Los Angeles Times* began to rapidly fall. The employees who remained at the *Times* were unhappy and afraid to even speak to each other. Morale was rock bottom. The Office of the Chief of Publishing had no idea what was happening because it didn't have any morale meters.

At the next staff meeting, the latest *Los Angeles Times* was lying on the conference table in the middle of the circle of top managers.

"LOS ANGELES WEATHER IS OFTEN SUNNY" the headline screamed.

"I'd like to see anybody say that isn't accurate," the Chief of Publishing said.

"Right," said one of the Deputy Chiefs of Publishing, "and, furthermore, although our complaints went up three hundred percent at first, there has been a three percent drop recently."

"Of course," said another of the Deputy Chiefs, "we have ten percent fewer newspaper reporters."

There was a stunned silence as everyone stared at this Deputy Chief. "I mean that we have gotten rid of the troublemakers," he stammered.

"Yes," said the Chief of Publishing, "we seem to have done our job here. I have heard that the owners of the *Times* are not too happy about the loss in circulation, though. Perhaps it's time to move on."

"Well," said one of the Deputy Chiefs of Publishing, "the District Attorney is up for re-election."

"You know," said another of the Deputy Chiefs, "I've heard that sometimes those Deputy District Attorneys put on evidence that they know is false...."

I woke up. I wondered if the citizens of Los Angeles were beginning to hear warning bells. What can happen to one, can happen to anyone. And that includes organizations.

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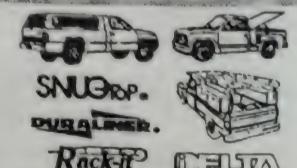
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To the Editor:

Re: Police Panel is Independent, Diverse

In their Op Ed piece Mr. Egash and Mr. Drooyan go to length to point out the level of ethnic diversity on the panel and then tell us that "diversity of membership and opinion, not arbitrary numerical quotas, is our objective." They avoid the concepts of "diversity of thought." What Egash and Drooyan don't share with us is the number of lawyers on the panel. Lawyer representation on the Board of Police Commissioners, like most city commissions, is 80 percent. An educated guess would put the makeup of the panel at least that high.

Why are those who are trained to argue and obfuscate and obsess over minutia the overwhelming number assigned to find solutions to the problems of city government over those who come from the ranks of management consultants, academia, scientists, corporate leaders, journalists, psychologists, historians, etc.?

The answer is found in the fact that those in control are lawyers and it is lawyers who think that only other lawyers can solve these complex problems—and it is this saturation of "lawyer-think" that has kept us from achieving true diversity of thought in solving the city's problems.

Stephen Downing

Dear Editor, Los Angeles Times:

The majority of the Los Angeles City Council have abdicated their first responsibility, which is to govern this city. That is the worst kind of malfeasance. How astonishing, how horrible it is to see the governing body of Los Angeles prone out in front of "acting" lawyers from the U.S. Justice Department, groveling and confessing their inadequacies. Beseeching the federal government to come to their rescue and take over in order to "reform" the Los Angeles Police Department. I have been around the council for over 50 years—good, bad, and crooked. Never have I witnessed a group of council members so spineless, so lacking in pride.

Certainly, there should be no doubt in anyone's mind that the federal government, in particular the Justice Department, being the model of efficiency, morality, and impeccable behavior, is up to the task of reforming LAPD. We all know how trustworthy those federal lawyers are. And the current administration in Washington, well, need we say more about its honesty and integrity?

The facts are simple. LAPD uncovered this crook, Perez, in their midst. They caught him red-handed stealing 8 pounds of cocaine from police property. LAPD prosecuted him. Then rather than closing the file, by labeling Perez a pathological liar, which he clearly is, LAPD pursued every possible bit of wrongdoing that Perez or other officers might have done. The media, the public, the politicians, no one would have known the extent of the alleged corruption if it were not for a tenacious search for the truth, by a Department which has built a worldwide reputation for honesty over the past 50 years. What other governmental agency can boast of 50 years of honesty? The City Council? The federal government?

My concern is that the LAPD has gone too far. I fear that several innocent police officers are being caught up in the momentum of this investigation and the hysteria that surrounds it. The Department's Board of Inquiry report was a forthright but wrong-headed attempt at *mea culpa*. It wasn't necessary and now it is being used by the Justice Department and lawyers suing the city as the "smoking gun," and the reason for capitulation. LAPD officers are not "mediocre," never have been. Does the department have some bad officers and some incompetent supervisors and managers? Of course, but only a very few.

It is time for you, the people of Los Angeles, to stand up for your police department. You know that the overwhelming majority of officers would stand up and die for you if your life were in danger. Tell those lily-livered politicians in the City Council to muster their collective courage and stand by the LAPD, as well.

King George—take your federal troops and go back to Washington. We don't need your kind of meddling in affairs that are and always should be under local control.

Daryl F. Gates
LAPD ret. and proud of it

Dennis:

I don't know if you remember me or not—Jim McGarry. We worked WLA years ago when you were on motors and I was a sergeant in patrol. I just wanted to drop you a line and tell you I appreciate your efforts on behalf of the officers of LAPD. I read the *Blue Line* monthly and grow more upset with each issue. I can't believe the department I was so proud to be a part of has gone so far down since my retirement in 1980. From what I read, the Chief on down through the supervisory ranks seem to be lacking in backbone and leadership. The Rampart fiasco has set the department back at least 20 years and will be years before the reputation returns. As always is the case, all are painted with the same brush for the actions of a few. I could go on and on about my thoughts but I'm sure you have heard all of the negatives you need to hear. You seem to get many each month to publish in the *Blue Line*. I'm glad the LAPPL is hanging in there with the men on the street. Those are the ones that count. Keep up the good work. Best regards to you and the other members of the LAPPL.

Still a proud defender of the LAPD.

Jim McGarry, #10455
Sgt. LAPD Retired

Dear Sir:

I would like to pose a question. Where would Los Angeles be without law enforcement? The answer is obvious, or is it?

Another question: In Germany in 1930, would history have taken another turn if there had been no law enforcement?

Who's to say, but if law enforcement pursues its mission above all other considerations, then what does the future hold for us?

I'll take civil upheaval over world conflagration anytime.

Carl LaFong

Dear Editor:

I have been retired from the Department for quite some time. Although out of the mainstream of the Department's goings on, I try to keep abreast of what is happening. Recently I read an article in the *L.A. Times* (6-11-00, "Behind The Bunker Mentality") by Terry McDermott, a *Times* staff reporter. His report seemed to slant the view on how some officers on this Dept. are out of control or trigger happy thugs. At one point he brought up the Eulie Love shooting, that she was killed over an unpaid gas bill. I was around when that incident went down. Mr. McDermott failed to mention that Mrs. Love prior to the officers arriving, attacked a Gas Co. employee with a shovel, and then attacked the officers upon their arrival.

Now I'm not a reporter, but I would think he (McDermott) would put all the facts into his report. I guess reporters are held to a different standard than police officers. This article made it seem like McDermott was an expert on police procedures and tactics. Unless he puts on the blue shirt and walks in the footsteps of current and departed offi-

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END OF WATCH



NAME: Donald W. Mann #2445

RANK: Lieutenant

ASSIGNED TO: S.I.D.

BORN: September 16, 1917

APPT: July 10, 1941

RETIRED: September 2, 1971

DIED: April 14, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Maurice "Bud" O'Connor #7809

RANK: Detective II

ASSIGNED TO: 77th

BORN: April 7, 1931

APPT: April 29, 1957

RETIRED: May 2, 1982

DIED: April 17, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: George E. Carlson #3893

RANK: Sergeant

ASSIGNED TO: Central

BORN: April 14, 1922

APPT: October 16, 1946

RETIRED: September 25, 1966

DIED: May 5, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Charles A. Lesley #4880

RANK: Policeman

ASSIGNED TO: Harbor

BORN: June 3, 1925

APPT: September 1, 1947

RETIRED: March 8, 1968

DIED: May 6, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Anton Inderbitzin #16354

RANK: Police Officer III

ASSIGNED TO: Hollywood

BORN: October 16, 1935

APPT: October 5, 1970

RETIRED: April 30, 1979

DIED: May 9, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Charles R. Witt #6726

RANK: Police Officer II+2

ASSIGNED TO: Hollywood

BORN: May 2, 1927

APPT: June 1, 1950

RETIRED: June 8, 1975

DIED: June 4, 2000

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Letters to the Editor

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cers and sees with his own eyes what our officers are up against, he's just another police theorist "know-it-all."

Officer Randy Cochran who was featured in the article hit the nail on the head saying that society is not kinder or gentler. McDermott talked about how our Department has been forged with fifty years of values dating back to Chief Parker. Those values, pride, integrity, and professionalism are some of the values most reporters in this country should adopt.

One other reason I'm writing is to find out how this reporter was able to get the geographic areas of where LAPD officers tend to live. I know none of our officers would divulge that info. I only hope that it wasn't given out by personnel records, and if they did give out the info, I only hope it was done with a court order.

In closing keep up the good work, maintain the values you were taught in the Academy and God bless all of you.

Tony Barone #16663, Retired

Dear Ted:

On December 12, 1998, I had a stroke and have been off work since. From the time I was taken to the hospital, where my wife called Martha Ward, the wife of LAPD Sergeant Ken Ward, who started prayer groups for me at my Parish, Saint Margaret Mary Church in Chino, the LAPD family has truly been there for us.

First of all, I would like to thank my RHD family, James Tatreau, Don Hartwell and Dan Hoffman and Roseanne Parino, Cliff LeFall, Don Singer, Jeffrey Parker, Dennis Weuthrich, Eddie Ramirez, Wally Montgomery, Ernie Rodriguez, Mike Coblenz, Raul Reyna, Ron King, Martha Rodriguez, Bob Nelson, Hector Vidal, Bill Holcomb, Jack Forseman and Nancy Clairborne who have supported us with prayer, money, diapers and most importantly never let my family or myself feel forgotten. And who, along with Sergeant Mike Apodaca, of Employee assistance and League Director Tim Sands, have all gone the extra mile for us in seeing that every resource available to us has been, not only notified, but also completely informed of the circumstances of my situation.

Also to my Family at Rampart Detectives, Vito Cicoria, John Curiel, Art Pelt, Ricky Ramos, Jerry Greenfield, Martha Herrera, Ken Wiseman, Adrian Solar, Yvette Gonzalez, Steven Sena, Mike Williams, and Tracy Benjamin, for the get well cards, prayers and calls of support. To Tom Murrell and his family for the very generous Christmas gift. And to Issac Valdez and his family for everything. Diane and Cole Burdette, thank you for your calls. To my old partners from South Bureau Homicide, Gerry Alford, Leon Mims, J.C. Johnson, Vic and Jan Corrella, Pete Razanskas. And from 77th, Lieutenant Doug Young and David and Chris Graff thank you for your calls and prayers, it was good to hear from all of you.

To Armando Bernal and Rosemary Sanchez and all of their family, thank you and we love you.

Thank you to Chief Bernard Parks for calling and conveying your support.

Last but certainly not least, are four men who are like my Brothers, Robie McIntosh, Mike Tinker, Robb Bub and Scott Smith and these four men and their families have been their for me and mine since I have known them, but particularly during the last year and a half.

Robie and Betsi, we will never forget all that you have done for us.

These are the people who define the Los Angeles Police Department. Always have and always will.

Know that you all are in our family's thoughts and prayers.

God Bless you all,
John Freitas #22920 and his family.
RHD-OIS

Dear Editor:

"Why am I not surprised that the Los Angeles Police Commission rebuffed the City Council's call to reinstate the ever popular Senior Lead Officer program?

Unfortunately, we are being forced to live under the dictatorship of a very stubborn and arrogant Police Chief, who refuses to hear the public outcry. Add to that a Mayor who is a power monger and a control freak who has strings attached to his appointed Police Commissioners.

With these three strikes against us, did anyone really expect a fair response to the City Council's request?

Prudy Schultz
Van Nuys Homeowners Association

Dear Dennis:

I just wanted to drop you a note and thank you for the assistance you provided Officer Gerst on behalf of the League.

Whether or not the City reimburses the League is secondary; the important thing is that Doug was able to attend his well-deserved award ceremony in Sacramento thanks to you.

Thanks,
Lt. Ron Tingle,
Watch Commander, VTD

Dear Editor:

The thin blue line of the Los Angeles Police Department needs positive infusion. The tearing down of the department by blaming has developed destructive energy to the City of Los Angeles, the Police Department, and the Protective League. It matters not who is drawing attention to each pundit declaring who is at fault. The whole department we love needs to address cause of the events coming "in fast and furious."

It's not easy to turn the big finger of CAUSE to ourselves. It is difficult to self identify unacceptable behavior. How can we change if we are not willing to accept what change demands? The Rampart incident is a symptom of the undercurrent that has been festering for years. It did not start on Chief Bernie Park's watch.

I am disturbed at the use of words that inflame emotions and thinking. I have loved and been loyal to the Los Angeles Police Department since I first reported for duty in May 1948. I carry that love and loyalty in retirement. But I know the hell when I surfaced to sue the Department and to claim my equal rights. The social change required by federal law was resisted at every turn by the rank and file of the Department. That management or police officers could not obey the law and work out an amicable change left me no alternative but to sue. From this experience I have acquired an understanding of how it could have been accomplished had we all reasoned out a viable solution.

Denial of character breakdown from the Rampart incident is a dis-service to every member of the Department. The exposé of what happened, how it happened, where it happened, why it happened, who carries the responsibility will be a long time leaving the headlines behind. All of our reputations are

involved and we carry the stigma. But what can be done to change the environment that allowed this to be a possibility? Where are the options coming from us to help look for the solutions of a positive nature?

It's past time to ignore the brain-power this Department possesses, or ignoring community input. When we fail to seek intelligent answers without hatred the price we pay are more Rampart incidents.

Every officer on the Los Angeles Police Department deserves to come work happy and ready to field the problems they now must face. That includes the Chief. How you personally feel about the Chief is insignificant to learning how to change attitude and rising above denial of what is happening on the job. The Los Angeles Police Department deserves a chance to reclaim leadership among the law enforcement families. It must begin within the Department family and I like to see the Protective League have the courage to take the lead without jeopardizing the mission of protecting the police officer. I wish you God-speed and high success.

Fanchon Blake, Retired

Dear Dennis:

The thanks of the Rampart Div. PM / Mid PM watches for the generous contributions the League made to assist with the Watch steak frys that we recently had, and hope to have.

It was also a pleasure to have you join us for the dinner and to speak with several officers. During these most difficult and trying times, it's good to have your support, as well as the League's and to see your active participation with the "troops" in and around the station. Thank you.

When I have the next steak fry, I will most certainly let you and the other Directors know. It will be a pleasure to have you all attend - you deserve it.

Until then - again - many thanks.
Sean P. Hart #22835, Rampart PM
"Chef for Life"

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will enjoy the increased salary and additional benefits.

Our dedicated negotiating team worked in a most effective manner on the contract and needs to be recognized for their efforts. While the team was at the table negotiating, I was at City Hall working with the politicians who voted to approve the contract. It was a team effort all put together by our president, Ted Hunt. Congratulations to all involved.

Retiring and Not Having a Retirement Party?

I have received phone calls and e-mail from recently-retired members who chose not to have a retirement party. They have asked why their names were not published in the *Blue Line* "Retirement Corner," or why they did not receive a League plaque congratulating them on their retirement.

The answer is very simple, but apparently not known by many members. The League is not notified by the Department in a timely manner when a member retires. We publish retired names in the *Blue Line* and order custom League plaques whenever we are notified by the divisional delegate or member, of the retirement. This is usually accompanied with a retirement party flyer, brought in by the retiree or his/her divisional delegate, which is then published in the *Blue Line*.

Dear Editor:

I was enjoying a regular day off on Monday, June 19, and was watching the 6th game of the Laker game at home. After the game ended, I felt rather guilty for being on a day off, while my fellow officers were standing tall in the streets around the Staples Center. Unfortunately, as a resident of Los Angeles, I also felt embarrassed and ashamed that our police department allowed lawlessness to become the subject of worldwide news special reports. I received several emails this morning from officers in Australia, South America, and Europe, asking me to explain why the LAPD say by while vehicles were being burned and bonfires were being set all around the Staples Center. I had no answers. I wasn't there.

Anytime a bunch of hooligans and anarchists are allowed to destroy property and commit arson and these same criminals are allowed to go free instead of being arrested immediately, we are sending the wrong message to the criminals and we are failing our duty to serve and protect the law abiding members of our city. There were approximately 10,000 people in front of the Staples Center this time. What will happen in August during the DNC when organized anarchists are mixed with 30,000 to 40,000 demonstrators? Police action must be decisive, swift, and overwhelming in situations like we saw after the Laker game. We cannot sit by and debate, discuss, or analyze a situation growing out of control. We must act.

I strongly feel that if we repeat in August, the slow Department response demonstrated after the Laker game, we will be in for a very unpleasant and long-lasting surprise here in L.A. Leadership must be demonstrated by having the courage to do what is right without wasting time trying to build consensus.

Sincerely
Andre' Belotto #26189
Newton Patrol Division

If you plan on retiring and are not having a retirement party, please notify us of your retirement date, so that we can properly acknowledge your retirement in the *Blue Line* and provide you with your custom retirement plaque. We



Director Dennis P. Zine and Motor Officer Mario Cruz on Harley ride in Las Vegas.

want to recognize you for your years of dedication and service to the people of Los Angeles.

Dates to Remember

The Democratic National Convention will be in Los Angeles next month. Be alert and cautious when dealing with the many VIPs who will be visiting Los Angeles. A little patience will go a long way and may just keep you away from a 1.28.

POLITICAL FRONTLINE

7th Council District Councilmember Alex Padilla

Alex Padilla was elected to the Los Angeles City Council in June, 1999. At 26, Alex Padilla became the third youngest person ever elected to the Los Angeles City Council.

Alex Padilla serves as Chair of the City Council's Information Technology and General Services Committee and as Vice-Chair of the Public Works Committee. In addition, he serves on the Arts, Health, and Humanities Committee.

Alex Padilla's top three priorities as a Councilmember are to deliver needed city services in the northeast San Fernando Valley, to provide positive alternatives for youth, and to stimulate the economy with jobs and development incentive programs. "I have dedicated myself to helping others, and as the councilmember for the Seventh District, I will make sure people receive the city services they need and deserve," says Councilmember Padilla.

Alex Padilla began his career in public service as an educational counselor at the University of the Pacific in Stockton. After completing a post-graduate program in public policy analysis with the Coro Foundation, Alex Padilla worked in the office of United States Senator Dianne Feinstein where he helped secure federal programs and services for Southern California. He then served as District Director for Assemblyman Tony Cardenas (D-Sylmar). In 1997, Alex Padilla was appointed by Mayor Richard Riordan to the city of Los Angeles Building and Safety Commission, where he considered appeals from residents and businesses. Alex Padilla also serves on the Board of Directors of

the East Valley YMCA and the Valley Leadership Institute.

Alex Padilla was born in Panorama City and attended local public schools. A graduate of the



Councilmember Alex Padilla

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) with a degree in engineering, Alex Padilla was chosen by M.I.T. to recruit students from the southwest.

Alex Padilla and his family live in Pacoima where they attend Mary Immaculate Church.

The 7th Council District serves the communities of Arleta, Lakeview Terrace, Mission Hills, North Hills, North Hollywood, Pacoima, Panorama City, Sun Valley, Sylmar, and Van Nuys.



City Council Public Safety Chair Cindy Miscikowski with League Directors Dennis P. Zine, Mitzi Grasso and Ted Hunt during a City Hall Meeting.

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Southeast

On May 19, 2000, Unit 18X13 (Massey/Ward) were working directed patrol in the area between San Pedro St./Central Ave. and 111th St./Century Blvd. for the recent gang war between the "Back Street" Crips and the "Front Street" Crips. There were several gang-related homicides involving these two notorious gangs in the previous couple of days.

Shawn Massey and **Rufus Ward** were patrolling the area at Century Blvd. and Avalon Blvd. The officers were driving into the parking lot at the S/E corner as they heard a gunshot

come from the east of their location. The officers then observed the suspect holding a semi-automatic handgun at the brick wall and fire a second round northbound at two male black victims in the parking lot. Massey and Ward, fearing for the victim's safety, put out a broadcast, exited their vehicle and tactically deployed on the suspect. The officers ordered the suspect into a prone position. However, the suspect fled running and entered the rear of the residence at 10020 S. Avalon Blvd. Massey and Ward immediately took two additional suspects into custody and set a containment perimeter around the house and surrounding neighborhood.

With the arrival of additional units from Southeast, 77th and South Traffic Divisions, the responding officers took positions on the perimeter and assumed various crowd control, traffic control and perimeter duties.

The officers did a good job with these duties.

Officer **Gary Ricco** responded and assisted with the command post. Ricco was instrumental in forming the tactical plans, which included the evacuation of nearby residences, positioning of units on the perimeter, contact and arrest teams, and the telephonic call-out of the suspect.

After the call was placed, the suspect elected to come out of the residence and submitted to arrest. Massey and Ward positively identified the suspect. The tactical team, consisting of **Massey, Ben Perez, Richard Boyer, John Coughlin** and Ricco, entered the residence and cleared it for further investigation. After a thorough search, the team located a loaded blue steel .380 auto semi-automatic handgun (one in the chamber and four in the magazine), another 9mm magazine was also located with a live round.

The officers were unable to locate the victims of the shooting. The suspect was transported to Southeast Station where he was booked for 245(a)(2) PC (ADW with a firearm).

Officers Massey and Ward are to be commended for their attention to duty, keen observation skills and tactics. Officers actions had a direct impact on the prevention of another senseless homicide.

Officer Ricco is to be commended for his tactical skills and his ability to formulate an efficient tactical plan under pressure, which maximized the usage of available units and brought a quick/safe ending to this situation.

Officers Perez, Boyer and Coughlin are to be commended for their keen observation skills and tactical skills in conducting a tactical entry and locating the weapon used in an ADW (shooting).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Jeffrey C. Ramseyer, Deputy District Attorney

by John Miller, #13738,
Hollywood Homicide

On May 9, 2000, the law enforcement community in Los Angeles County lost one of its greatest assets and champions. Jeff Ramseyer, Deputy District Attorney, passed away at age 39 of a heart attack. Jeff was a rare person, a friend and advisor to all of us in Hollywood Detectives. I first met Jeff in January, 1997. Lawrence Austin had just been murdered at his Silent Movie Theater in the Fairfax district of Hollywood Area. I needed advice on how to interview and question James Van Sickle, the primary suspect in Austin's murder. Jeff volunteered without hesitation, and without even being assigned the case. We quickly formed a bond and a growing friendship. Van Sickle was arrested along with his hit man, and both were convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole. A special relationship formed between Jeff and me. We had another case involving sensitive diplomatic

issues and again Jeff was there giving me advice, showing me how to maneuver between our government and the Swedish government. This Swedish case

unique and caring man, a special friend. I miss him now, and I'll miss him every day that I come to work and realize that he won't be here any longer.



8/27/99: Uppsala Police Station (last day in Sweden)—Inspector Goran Perssons (Sweden), Detective John Miller (LAPD), D.A. Jeff Ramseyer (LADA), Prosecutor Eva Lundstrom (Sweden), Inspector Brendt Ritzen (Sweden). Jeff died on May 9, 2000, after a massive heart attack in Redondo Beach. He was just 39 years old. MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL!!

would prove to be Jeff's last trial and he would pass from this earth to a place he richly deserves. I still miss him. I miss not being able to call him and hear his laugh and get his advice. He was a very

I had the opportunity to travel with Jeff last summer to Uppsala, Sweden. There we met the local prosecutor and two homicide inspectors from the police department. Jeff quickly won them over and before we left they understood our criminal justice system, and the way in

which our courts operate. We were on a business trip, yet Jeff took numerous hours from his free time to travel hundreds of miles to assist a relative that was in trouble. He did this at his own expense and at great inconvenience to himself. Jeff was always ready to go when needed, and was there to assist me in all the investigations that I had to accomplish. Jeff loved his work and he had a special admiration for the officers and detectives of Hollywood Division. He told me on numerous occasions that working with the LAPD was always a pleasure, because our work was always complete and left him with little to do.

Jeff was buried on Monday, May 15, 2000. He passed from this earth and went to his reward in a far better place. I will miss Jeff and will strive to carry on the fight as Jeff did, with integrity and honor. For those of you who knew and worked with Jeff, you know how special he was. For those who never had the opportunity to know Jeff, you missed out on knowing a truly good and honest man. One that we all strive to be like. Jeff is the one in the photograph with a great smile. I stand on his right.

MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL... *

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Dear friend,

I want to give credit where credit is due. So, perhaps a confession can help clear the air so there's no misunderstanding. Before I talk about my confession, though, let me say a few words first.

You know, when I meet people in town they usually say, "Oh yeah, I know you, you're Dr. Dave. I've seen you on the Baby Story Show."



This is a photo of me and my lovely daughter in the mountains doing an activity we love to do: hike. Well, perhaps I should tell you a little more about me and my daughter. Let's start with me; I'm the guy in the photo. Ten years ago I was an electromechanical engineer, but I developed a painful degenerative condition of spinal arthritis along with hypoglycemia (low blood sugar). In my case it was a slow building process from a severe motorcycle accident I had at 17. I suffered a broken neck, herniated discs and many torn muscles. At the age of 27 I felt a hundred years old in spite of the fact that I was active in power lifting, soccer & hiking. I was afraid of what I might feel like in ten more years if my disabilities continued. By chance I happened upon an article in a well-known magazine about the amazing restoration of health a local doctor was achieving. I didn't want surgery and I had tried everything else so I decided to give chiropractic a try. The chiropractor did a thorough exam, took x-rays, and then "adjusted" my spine. The adjustment didn't hurt; it actually felt good. It was as if a tremendous load had been lifted from my body. The 4 years of bicep's tendonitis was gone the first week. My allergies began to subside. I woke-up refreshed. I became a power lifting champion 2 years in a row. With the success I received from chiropractic care I decided to become a chiropractor.

Now for Shayla, my daughter. She is two years old and has been under chiropractic care since birth. Imagine in this day and age of medicine, a little girl never having taken a drug in any form. Not that she hasn't had some congestion or fever, the difference is that I adjust her and allow her own innate healing

potential to be expressed. I love Shayla more than life itself so I want the best for her health. Even at just 2 years old Shayla knows when she needs to be adjusted and climbs up on the table to be checked.

It's strange how life is, because now people come to see me with their arthritis and blood sugar problems. They also come to me with their headaches, chronic pain, ear infections, asthma, allergies, PMS, multiple sclerosis, conception difficulties, numbness in the limbs, sub optimal athletic performance, and less than optimal health. These are just a few conditions people come in with.

Here's what some of my patients had to say:

"I have no allergy symptoms, I sleep better, have more energy, my physical strength has increased, and it's easier to deal with everyday stress." - Kevin Jordan, World Drug-free Powerlifting Champion

"I wish I would have started chiropractic care years ago...it has made a tremendous impact on the way I feel." - Armando Mora

Several times a day patients thank me for helping them with their health problems. But I can't really take the credit. My confession is that I've never healed anyone of anything. What I do is perform a specific spinal adjustment to remove nerve pressure and the body responds by *healing itself*. We get tremendous results. It's as simple as that!

Many people find that they actually save money on their healthcare expenses by seeing a chiropractor. The reason being...studies show chiropractic care can double your immune capacity, naturally, without drugs. The immune system fights colds, flues, and other sicknesses. So, you may not be running off to the doctor as much. This is especially important if you are self-employed.

You Benefit from an Amazing Offer. When you bring in this article (by July 31, 2000) you will receive my entire new patient exam for \$47. That's with para spinal thermal imaging, central motor reflex testing, postural analysis...the whole ball of wax. Also, affordable family plans are available.

Please, I hope that there's no misunderstanding about *quality of care* just because I have a lower exam fee. You will get *great care*. My office manager is my wife, Redida. Our office is both child and adult friendly. We do our best to make you feel at home. Our office is UNIVERSALLY ALIGNED CHIROPRACTIC and is located at 548 South Spring Street, Suite 230, Los Angeles. Our phone number is (213) 362-1157. Call Redida or me today for an appointment. We can help you.

Thank you.
-Dr. David Lewandowski

P.S. When accompanied by the first, I am also offering the second family member this same examination for only \$27.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

They Are Calling Us Criminals

An Open Letter to the United States Supreme Court Regarding Miranda Non-Compliance

by Lt. Rick Papke
Los Angeles Police Department
Foothill Detective Section

To the Honorable Justices of the United States Supreme Court:

I am writing to you as a friend of the Court. We, the men and women of California Law Enforcement, need your help. The California Supreme Court has branded us criminals in their dicta related to *People v. Peevy* (1998) 17 Cal. 4th 1184. The court stated that the practice of law enforcement officers to question "outside of Miranda" for impeachment evidence is "illegal and misconduct." The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has agreed with the California Supreme Court and stated, "Officers who intentionally violate the rights protected by Miranda must expect to have to defend themselves in civil actions." *California Attorneys v. Butts* (9th Cir. 1999) 195 F.3d 1039.

I have been a member of the Los Angeles Police Department for over 29 years. I have taught interrogation law and techniques throughout California for 20 years. I support the Bill of Rights and recognize that these rights protect all of us, including law enforcement officers, from arbitrary government misconduct. I relate this fact in every class that I teach. California's passage of *Proposition 8* in early 1980's created an amendment to the California Constitution which placed us on United States Supreme Court guidelines for the admissibility of evidence. My instruction is based upon your case law regarding Miranda and related Constitutional issues.

My instruction regarding Miranda issues is as follows:

In 1964, Ernesto Miranda robbed and raped some women in Arizona. He was subsequently arrested and jailed. Two detectives went to the jail, prior to his arraignment, and interrogated Miranda. There was no requirement in 1964 for law enforcement officers to advise an arrested suspect of anything, prior to questioning. Miranda subsequently confessed. There was no indication that the detectives used physical force, coercion or promises of leniency to obtain the confession. The confession was upheld

by the Arizona Supreme Court. Miranda's attorney appealed to the United States Supreme Court, stating that the confession was compelled and that its admission into evidence was a violation of the Fifth Amendment. The United States Supreme Court agreed and Miranda's confession was suppressed.

The Court explained that it was not the police who compelled the confession, rather the environment in which Miranda found himself. The Court stated that when an individual is arrested, he or she is separated from friends, family, acquaintances, and all persons who could give him or her counsel. When police interrogation is added, a psychologically coercive environment is created which compels an individual to testify against him or herself.

The Court stated that to attenuate this *psychologically coercive environment*, law enforcement should allow the defendant to speak with an attorney or advise him or her of certain rights concerning silence and an attorney. If the defendant invokes either of these rights "... all questioning must cease." *Miranda v. Arizona* (1966) 384 U.S. 436.

Thus, law enforcement was instructed that custodial arrest coupled with police interrogation triggers the requirement of the Miranda advisements. If the defendant invoked the right of silence or an attorney, it was clear that *all questioning must cease*.

The fact that a Miranda invocation required the cessation of police questioning was straightforward until 1971 when the waters became muddled. In deciding *Harris v. New York* (1971) 401 U.S. 222, you told us that a statement obtained by the police that does not comply with the Miranda ruling cannot be used to prove guilt but it could be used, if voluntary and not coerced, during rebuttal to impeach a defendant who tells a different story in court than what he told the police in the statement taken "outside of Miranda." In essence you told us that we have something to gain in terms of impeachment material, if we continue questioning "outside of Miranda." The resulting statement is legally admissible in court. The requirement that *all questioning must cease* upon a Miranda invocation was no longer clear.

Your Miranda ruling became more unclear with your decision in *Oregon v. Elstad* (1985) 470 U.S. 298. In that decision, you reiterated that a statement obtained "outside Miranda" is inadmissible to prove guilt in the case in chief. Then you stated that the exclusionary rule does not apply to a Miranda violation because Miranda is not of Constitutional dimension and is merely a judicial decision regarding the admissibility of evidence. If the police do not comply with Miranda, they may not use a resulting statement to prove guilt. However, if the statement leads them to evidence or witnesses, the evidence and witness statements are admissible. You again told us that we had much to gain by questioning "outside Miranda."

We reasoned that a confession obtained "outside Miranda" could be used for probable cause for a search warrant, as it would be a statement against penal interest and therefore considered reliable. *U.S. v. Patterson* (9CA 1987) 812 F.2d 1188, 1193.

We were able to "clear" multiple crimes committed by the defendant by relying on the defendant's confession to these crimes, even though we could not prosecute because the statement was inadmissible.

We "debriefed" defendants "outside of Miranda" to learn of crimes committed by other individuals and thereby brought a multitude of criminals to justice.

We were led to believe that questioning "outside Miranda" was legal and did not give rise to a civil rights violation or other civil tort, because of your aforementioned decisions and because of the following information:

You told us in reference to questioning "outside Miranda," "... the officer has little to lose and perhaps something to gain by way of uncovering impeachment material ..." *Oregon v. Hass* (1974) 420 U.S. 714.

You told us that Miranda is not of Constitutional dimension and that non-coercive questioning "outside Miranda" is not unlawful.

Oregon v. Elstad (1985) 470 U.S. 298
New York v. Quarles (1984) 467 U.S. 649
Moran v. Burbine (1986) 475 U.S. 412
Michigan v. Tucker (1974) 417 U.S. 433

Our California courts, prior to *Peevy*, appeared to sanction questioning "outside Miranda," with California Supreme Court decisions such as *People v. Varnum* (1967) 66 Cal. 2d 808, 812, where the Court stated "... non-coercive questioning is not in itself unlawful and the Fifth Amendment rights protected by Miranda are violated only when [non-complying statements are introduced at trial]."

The following decision appeared to be right on point when it stated "Our holding does not create a Fifth Amendment cause of action under Section 1983 for conduct that merely violates the Miranda safeguards. . . . This case does not establish a cause of action where police officers continue to talk to a suspect after he asserts his rights and where they do so in a benign way, without coercion or tactics that compel him to speak." *Cooper v. Dupnik* (CA9 1992) 963 F.2d 1220, 1243, 4.

California law enforcement officers are professionals who embrace and support the Constitution and the civil rights of every individual within our country. Alan M. Dershowitz, noted Harvard Law School professor and civil liberties lawyer, stated the following in his article concerning ethics, "As a lawyer, I must try to prevent—by lawful and ethical means—the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth from coming out if that truth would be harmful to my client." (*Self Magazine*, June 1991).

We in law enforcement speak for the victims. We must try to uncover—by lawful and ethical means—the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. We have been led to believe that non-coercive questioning "outside Miranda" is both lawful and ethical.

As I stated at the onset of this letter, we need your help. We ask that you give us a *bright line rule* regarding questioning "outside Miranda." If, as we have been led to believe by your past decisions, this practice is legal and ethical, we ask that you inform the California Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit of that fact. If you find otherwise, we will be guided by and comply with your ruling. You declined to review the *Peevy* decision, but there is still time to act on *Butts*. I respectfully request that you do so.

California law enforcement officers have been placed at risk in the performance of their duties as a result of these two devastating court decisions. Pending your ruling on this issue, the Los Angeles Police Department has ordered its officers not to engage in questioning of any kind once a defendant has invoked Miranda. Valuable statements, evidence and information vital to law enforcement are being lost. Guilty criminals are being set free.

We anxiously await your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
Richard Papke, Lieutenant
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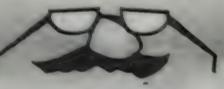
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Alaska*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arizona	Visible	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arkansas*	Permit	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
California	Yes	Yes	If to be concealed	Unloaded	Permit	Unloaded	Unloaded	No
Colorado*	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Permit	Yes	Yes	Yes
Connecticut*	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Delaware	Yes	Yes	No	Unloaded	No	No	Yes	No
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Florida	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Hawaii*	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Idaho*	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Unloaded	No
Illinois	Yes	Yes	Yes	In veh.	No	No	Unloaded	No
Indiana	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Iowa	Permit	Unloaded	No	No	No	No	Unloaded	Unloaded
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Maine	Yes	Yes	No	Unloaded	No	No	Unloaded	Unloaded
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Minnesota*	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
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Montana*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Nebraska*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Locked
Nevada*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Unloaded	Unloaded
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New Jersey*	Prior permit required	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
New Mexico*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
New York*	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Unloaded	No
North Carolina*	Visible	Visible	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Locked
North Dakota*	Yes	Visible	If concealed	Yes	No	No	Yes	Locked
Ohio*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Oklahoma*	Yes	No	No	No	No	Unloaded	Unloaded	Unloaded
Oregon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Permit	No	Yes	No
Pennsylvania	Yes	Contact state	No	No	No	No	No	No
Rhode Island*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No
South Carolina	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
South Dakota*	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Unloaded	No
Tennessee*	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Texas	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Unloaded	No
Utah	Yes	Unloaded	No	Yes	Contact state	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vermont*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Washington*	Permit	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
West Virginia*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Wisconsin*	No	Encased & unloaded	No	Yes	No	No	Encased & unloaded	No
Wyoming	Permit	Visible	Yes	Not in Veh.	Permit	No	Yes	No

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Breaking Through—The Lieutenant Roscoe "Rocky" Washington Story

The Los Angeles Police Department's First Black Patrol Watch Commander

by John Thomas

At a time in American history, long before the terms "affirmative action" and



Patrolman Rocky Washington, circa 1927

"glass ceiling" had become familiar expressions of both hope, and the maintenance of an unequal status quo, two tenured Black Los Angeles Policemen, Roscoe (Rocky) Washington and Earl C. Broady, broke the Los Angeles Police Department's official color barrier by gaining access to positions of authority within the Department to which no other Black men had ever been promoted. Both were appointed to the rank of Lieutenant of Police at the same time. While both were qualified to serve as watch commanders, the Department would make it very clear that there was no room on the LAPD for two Black watch commanders in 1940.

During the final month of his lieutenant probationary period, in an unconscionable act of discrimination, Lieutenant Broady would be demoted without cause or justification. To add further insult to injury, Lieutenant Broady would learn of his demotion in the newspaper.

As the Los Angeles Police Department's lone Black patrol lieutenant, Rocky Washington, like his nephew Kenny Washington, who broke the racial barrier into the National Football League and Jackie Robinson who did the same for Major League Baseball, was responsible for successfully breaking a similar barrier into Department management for future generations of Black officers.

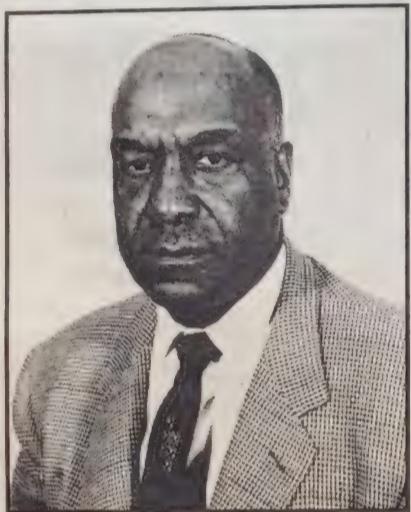
Born September 23, 1902, in Los Angeles, Roscoe Conkling Washington was educated in the Los Angeles public school system where he graduated from Lincoln High School in 1920. Immediately following high school, Rocky began working as a sheet metal worker for the O'Keefe and Merritt Company, rising to shop supervisor before leaving to join the Los Angeles Police Department on September 1, 1925.

In a 1989 interview, Rocky said that he "became a cop more by accident than by design" because he had planned to join his older brother who had become a fireman for the Los Angeles Fire Department. He went on to say, having not passed the Fire Department's medical exam "I decided to try to join the police department." Rocky became a member of the then, 3,000 member Los Angeles

Police Department, where he earned \$140 a month.

Officer Washington's police training began in the Department's only fifth formal academy class. The 118 members of the Fifth Class attended classroom instruction at the newly built 77th Street Station. Firearm instruction was held on the station's basement shooting range, while marching drills were practiced on a nearby vacant lot. Upon completion of his three-month academy training, Rocky graduated in the top ten of his class.

Despite Rocky's apparent success during his police training, the Los Angeles Police Department, like the rest of



Lieutenant R. Washington (1958)

American society was unwilling to treat Officer Washington, nor its nearly 100 other Black sworn members serving at that time, with any semblance of equality. The LAPD of 1925 called for rigid and strict racial segregation of all patrol and investigative personnel.

The city's growing Black population along Central Avenue had long since made African-American officers on the Department a necessity, since white officers were reluctant and/or refused to work Black neighborhoods.

During the interview, Rocky reflected back on the consistent number of Black officers on the Department during his 37-year career. Rocky spoke of an unofficial "quota system" for Blacks. "If one Black left the Department, either through retirement or termination, another would be hired. The quota was kept at 100. I don't care how many vacancies there were on the Department, if we had our 100, the Department would not hire any more Blacks, that was it."

With his training behind him, Rocky was assigned to Newton Street Division, where he walked a beat on the PM watch. As was Department policy, Rocky could only work with his fellow Black officers. The Department's segregationist policy was so restrictive, that when Black officers' partners were not at work, the remaining officers were either sent home or given a menial assignment at the station, instead of pairing them with available White officers.

In the same interview, Rocky expressed that even as police officers, the Department's Black officers were also restricted as to where they could go in Los Angeles. He mentioned that in those few instances where Black officers found themselves encountering White citizens, racial separation was still the rule of the day. The authority that they held as peace officers did not supersede the "second

class citizen" status that society placed on them.

Because of his efficient police work, Rocky was popular with both Black and White officers at Newton Street Division. He recalled that White officers would often request to work with him. However, each request was met with severe opposition from Newton Street supervisors and management. According to Rocky, "Several of the White officers who had requested to work with me found themselves 'labeled' and transferred to another division."

While at Newton Street Division, Rocky worked patrol, detective and vice assignments. Rocky excelled in each of these assignments and established a reputation as an extremely competent, hard-working, no-nonsense lawman. Yet in October of 1929, while assigned to Newton Street's vice detail, Rocky faced the biggest challenge of his young career: He was indicted by a grand jury for bribery and extortion. Not only did he find himself fighting to keep his job, but also to stay out of prison.

It was during the height of the Prohibition era that Los Angeles' Mayor, District Attorney, and City Councilmen had established a precedent for co-mingling campaign monies and payoffs received from bootleggers, and turning a blind eye on these contributors' illegal activities.

The Los Angeles Police Department, specifically its Vice enforcement, was instrumental in "looking the other way" for the benefit of the "unholy alliances" forged between a succession of corrupt chiefs of police and mayors. The Department had become known for its aggressive enforcement of pocket flask liquor violators, freelance whores, and nickel and dime gamblers, while the big, "connected" bootleggers and vice lords operated with the approval of both Mayors George Cryer and Frank Shaw and Chiefs R. E. Steckel and later James E. Davis.

Such allegations of vice corruption were commonplace on the Department in 1929; a year that saw 62 officers implicated for vice-related corruption and 10 criminal police trials. While many of the charges leveled against Los Angeles Police officers were false, the vast majority proved to be valid and helped fuel the efforts of *The Los Angeles Times*, which vehemently demanded police reform. Long identified as the source of corruption in the LAPD, Chief Davis was the focus of many of the *Times'* articles. It was the persistent efforts of the local media that forced the Los Angeles Police Commission to charge the Chief with "incompetence and neglect of duty" on October 31, 1929.

Faced with the negative publicity of a public trial, and to protect his pension, Chief Davis struck a compromise with the Commission and accepted a demotion to Deputy Chief. However, less than five years later, under the corrupt Mayor Shaw regime, Davis returned to the helm of the Department.

Reflecting on the indictment and on the rampant vice corruption at the time, Rocky said that it was quite common for bootleggers to falsely accuse officers of extortion. Rocky said that like most officers on the Department, he was aware of corruption such as pay-offs, and arrestees buying their way out of jail, but he "never became involved in anything like that." Rocky expressed gratitude for his full vindication, and said that the best gift he received was the \$940 in back pay when he was exonerated and returned to duty.

For the next 10 years, Rocky continued to establish himself as a hard-working, competent patrol officer and investigator. In 1933, Rocky became one of the first Black officers to work a radio patrol car



Lieutenant R. Washington, (Front row, 4th seat from left) and the reknowned Newton Street All Black Patrol Watch, circa 1941. (Seated to Lt. Washington's left is Earl C. Broady).

called "jitney cars." Department policy stipulated that Black officers could use the cars only during the least visible hours of the night watch, between the hours of 2:00 and 6:00 a.m., after which they were to bring the vehicles to the station and assume footbeat assignments.

Rocky also studied for and passed several civil service promotional exams for both the patrol sergeant and patrol lieutenant ranks. (At that time civil service rules allowed tenured officers to test for both ranks.) By this time, he had also successfully passed the Detective Lieutenant exam in 1938. Despite scoring high on both of the patrol exams, Rocky was passed over for promotion each time.

His efforts were rewarded on December 24, 1940, when he and Officer Earl C. Broady made LAPD his-

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tory by becoming the Department's first Black patrol watch commanders. While the Department had several Black Detective Lieutenants, they were all relegated to supervising only Black investigators. Washington and Broady, however, were the first Blacks to actually oversee uniformed patrol officers.

Having been passed over on several Sergeant and Lieutenant promotional lists before, both officers knew that Department management would now be forced to confront its own system of racial segregation. Rocky said that Department management now had to face the very question that had prevented him and others from being promoted to patrol lieutenant—"Where are you going to assign a Black lieutenant?"

To prevent Rocky or Broady from ever commanding White officers, an all Black A.M. Watch was created especially for them. Ordinarily, one lieutenant and three sergeants would be assigned to a watch. However, because there had never been a Black patrol sergeant, and assigning White patrol sergeants to the newly created watch was out of the question. Rocky and Broady alternated as both watch commander and supervisor for the watch.

It soon became apparent that two Black watch commanders on the Department were too many. Within two days prior to the end of his lieutenant probation period, Broady read in the local newspaper that he had been demoted to police officer. Broady contacted the Chief of Police for an explanation. The Chief offered Broady no explanation, informing him that he was running the Department and if Broady didn't like it he could quit.

Officer Broady later took the sergeant's exam and placed within the top ten on the list. In 1943, along with another Black officer, Ajay Johnson, Broady was promoted to Sergeant, thus holding the dubious distinction of being one of both the first Black, uniformed patrol lieutenants and sergeants in LAPD history. Broady again studied for and passed the lieutenant's exam. Again he was ranked in the top ten on the promotional list. He was passed over on that list 18 times. He was never again promoted to lieutenant. In 1945 Broady resigned, after 16 years of Department service.

Undaunted by his negative experiences on the Department, Earl C. Broady graduated from law school, passed the California State Bar, and became a very successful attorney, before gaining an appointment as a Superior Court Judge.

For the next nine years, Rocky Washington would be the only geographic patrol lieutenant on the Department prohibited from fulfilling the responsibilities of his civil service rank because of his skin color. His position as a lieutenant watch commander allowed him to function as little more than a line supervisor for Black officers only.

Little did Rocky know that a telephone call from interim Chief of Police William A. Worton would finally answer that plaguing question: "What to do with a Black patrol lieutenant?" Rocky humorously recalled that "Chief Worton called me and said he wanted to discuss what to do with me—a Black lieutenant on the Department."

Understanding the significance that such a meeting held, should genuine dialog occur, Rocky came prepared. During the meeting, Rocky explained to the Chief that Black lieutenants and captains were successfully being used to oversee integrated commands in Chicago, New York and other large cities. Unconvinced, Chief Worton

made an exploratory trip back East to see for himself, and saw firsthand that Black officers could indeed find success as watch commanders and captains of integrated police personnel, when given an equal opportunity.

Chief Worton returned from his trip "ecstatic," as Rocky would later describe. Thoroughly convinced that Rocky should be given an opportunity to command an integrated watch, Worton told him, "I am going to put you where a lieutenant is supposed to be." However the Chief soon discovered that convincing the rest of the Department, especially his command staff, would not be easy.

Word of Chief Worton's exploratory trip back east and his plan to place Rocky Washington over a predominantly White watch at Central Division was met with disbelief and paranoia. The White officers at Central Division threatened to walk out if Rocky was allowed to supervise them. Rocky said that despite the opposition that the patrol officers felt about having him as a watch commander, some of the most hateful opposition to the Chief's decision came from members of the Department's brass, who were openly vocal with their predictions that, "No White officer would ever work for a nigger."

The threatened walk-out by Central Division officers never materialized, and on November 11, 1949, on P.M. watch, Rocky Washington broke down the long-standing racial barrier that had prevented Black officers from supervising White and other Non-Black officers. Within a short time, Rocky's reputation for strong leadership and fairness resulted in, what he described as "a flood of requests for transfer into Central Division from officers wanting to work for the new Black lieutenant."

Despite this major milestone in race relations within the Department, it took another 11 years before the Department allowed Black and White officers to work together as partners. Conversely, by 1960, the year the Department officially ended racial segregation in its patrol forces, the Civil Rights Movement had already begun to force American society to make strides towards breaking down such restrictions. However, Department desegregation came eight years after the Supreme Court had proclaimed school segregation dead in the South, and 14 years after President Truman had ordered the integration of the United States Armed Forces.

By the end of 1950, Rocky had become the Assistant Patrol Division Commanding Officer for Central Division. However, the harsh realities of racial prejudice surfaced again when, after successfully proving himself as a watch commander and the assistant patrol divisional commanding officer, he was passed over for promotion on the captain's list; a list in which he had placed in the top percentile. Rocky scored high enough for appointment on the next three captain's exams, but was passed over for promotion each time.

Undeterred, Rocky proceeded to help open the door for Black sergeants on patrol. Rocky met with the Department's Black sergeants who, at the time were all working primarily in vice and other investigative functions and asked them to work patrol. According to Rocky, these sergeants were reluctant to give up their plain-clothes assignments to work where they were not wanted. Rocky persuaded them

to join him in patrol. Soon these sergeants also found success supervising on integrated watches. Rocky later said that some of the same Department command staff members who had once said White officers wouldn't work for a "nigger lieutenant" were now taking credit for bringing Black sergeants to the Department's patrol force.

In 1952, Rocky was transferred to Highland Park Division, where he further solidified his reputation for fairness as a Watch Commanding Officer.

While assigned to Highland Park Division, Rocky also became a popular defense representative on Department trial board cases, gaining a reputation as "the poor policeman's Clarence Darrow."

For the next 10 years Rocky unsuccessfully tried to break through the proverbial "glass ceiling" to gain entry into the Department captain's rank. While the Department promoted two more Black patrol lieutenants, Ajay Johnson in 1947 and Tom Bradley in 1958, there would be no

other Blacks promoted to the lieutenant rank until 1965, three years later, and after Rocky had retired.

Rocky Washington, with 37 years of service, retired from the Department on a medical disability pension on July 22, 1962. In 1966, Rocky began a second career as an expert examiner for the state of California. He continued to work for the state until the early 1980s. Lieutenant Washington maintained contact with the Department during his retirement years. He attended various social events, reunions and retirement parties. Roscoe Washington died of natural causes on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1996, at the age of 94.

It took almost 30 years from Rocky's promotion to lieutenant before the "glass ceiling" into the Department's command ranks would finally be broken. Homer Broome became the first Black, civil service appointed, LAPD captain when he became the commanding officer of Southwest Division in 1969.

We are indebted to Rocky Washington's visionary spirit and tenacity in the face of seemingly insurmountable discrimination. As a result, a solid foundation for future generations seeking equal opportunity, was firmly established.

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Homer Broome became LAPD's first Black patrol commanding officer in 1969.

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NAPO Submits Amicus Curiae Brief to U.S. Supreme Court, Urging Reversal of a Decision Holding the Police Civilly Liable to Defendants for Improper Questioning

Butts, Cooper, Talbot, Bennett & Crosby v. McNally & Bey

Brief Opposes Subjecting Officers to Civil Liability for Interrogation Techniques Violating Miranda Rule

Washington, D.C.—Recently, the National Association of Police Organizations, Inc. (NAPO) submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court an *amicus curiae* ("friend-of-the-court") brief in support of three Santa Monica, CA, police officers and two Los Angeles, CA, police officers, who were sued by two murder defendants. NAPO represents 4,000 law enforcement organizations, with 220,000 sworn officers and 11,000 retired officers. Within the Ninth Circuit, where this case originated, NAPO represents tens of thousands of officers in Alaska, Arizona, California, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.

This case affects both the ability of law enforcement officers to investigate crimes and their potential civil liability for doing so. NAPO seeks Supreme Court review of this case to reverse the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals in *California Attorneys for Criminal Justice v. Butts*, 195 F.3d (1039 (9th Cir. 1999). The Plaintiffs (the Respondents) in this case are two murder defendants whose confessions were barred from evidence at trial because of violations of the *Miranda* rule. The appellate court ruled that the Plaintiffs could recover damages from the five officer Defendants (the Petitioners) in a federal civil rights action, even though these plaintiffs were not harmed by, but eventually benefitted from, these *Miranda* violations.

Summary of the Facts

Defendant/Respondent James McNally told police that he lay in wait with a kitchen knife and then stabbed his victim to death. McNally's statement was made in response to police questioning after a *Miranda* invocation. Therefore, it was inadmissible at trial to prove guilt. Further, because the officers had told the defendant that his statement could not be used in court against him and because they had denigrated the role of defense counsel, the statement was ruled inadmissible as evidence against him; also, the trial court ruled that the statement could not be used to impeach the defendant when he testified and told a completely different story, contradicting his confession.

Specifically, under the cover of the exclusionary rule, McNally testified under oath at his jury trial to a substantially different account of the killing, contradicting his inadmissible confession. As a result, he was convicted only of the lesser charge of manslaughter. He then sued the police officers under 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 for a violation of his Fifth Amendment privilege against being compelled to be a witness against himself—even though his statements were never introduced at his trial and even though the officers' missteps caused him no damages. In fact, the officers' violation of the *Miranda* rule benefited him by allowing him to escape a murder conviction and penalty because he was able to perjure himself at trial with impunity.

In the other case, Respondent James Bey was convicted of murder. The state

appellate court found harmless error in the impeachment use at trial of his post-*invocation* statement (i.e., after he invoked his rights under *Miranda*). The trial court found that his confession was involuntary because of police assurances that such statement would not be used in court. *People v. Bey*, 21 Cal. App. 4th 1623 (1993). Bey also sued under Section 1983 for a claimed 5th Amendment violation.

In the combined cases, the Ninth Circuit affirmed a denial of qualified immunity for the petitioning officers, notwithstanding that clearly established law recognized that decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court have given officers an incentive to continue questioning after a defendant has invoked his or her rights under *Miranda*. *Oregon v. Hass*, 420 U.S. 714, 723 (1975).

Summary of NAPO's Position

NAPO's Executive Director Robert T. Scully stated, "How can a killer, first get away with murder, by committing perjury during trial while the judge and the prosecutor are forced to sit by silently, and then, second, eventually sue the police officers for questioning him in a way that deprived the prosecutor of the use of his confession to prove the murderer or to impeach the perjury? Astonishingly, the Ninth Circuit's opinion in this case validates such a lawsuit against police officers and provides a road map for that to occur in future cases. The Ninth Circuit's decision is far-reaching and conflicts with the four other federal circuit courts which have addressed the issue."

Scully continued, "This decision of the Ninth Circuit is simply wrong. It leaves officers throughout the Ninth Circuit exposed to unwarranted liability and potential loss of personal assets for interrogation practices which violate *Miranda* but which so far do not violate the 5th Amendment. Its potential consequences for law enforcement and public safety are unacceptable and unwarranted, especially if officers are reluctant to interrogate suspects for fear that the court will second-guess them and hold them personally liable."

Scully concluded, "It seems doubtful that when the Section 1983 remedy was provided by the Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871, the Congress could ever have foreseen that an appellate court would someday extend this remedy to convicted killers who suffered no harm from a confession and whose criminal prosecutions had been deprived of their confession under *Miranda*. The Court should grant certiorari, and this decision should be reversed."

Additional Points From the Brief

The brief made the following additional points:

First, a violation of *Miranda* occurs only if a statement obtained in violation of that rule is admitted at trial, not before. If the statement is not admitted at trial, there is no violation and hence no damages, so there is no basis for a federal civil rights lawsuit.

The Dream That Became Reality

by Craig W. Floyd

The date was December 5, 1984. Some 20 individuals had gathered in a room at the U.S. Capitol to begin making plans for a new national monument honoring America's law enforcement officers. Earlier in the year Congress had approved the idea. Now it was up to the organizations represented at this meeting to make that dream become a reality.

The man spearheading the effort was then-U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-NY). Appropriately enough, Rep. Biaggi was a 23-year New York City police veteran who had been wounded ten times in the line of duty. When he retired from the police department in 1965 he was the most decorated cop in New York City history. The idea for a national memorial honoring America's fallen police officers was first proposed in 1972 by Donald J. Guilfoil, a detective with the Suffolk County (NY) Police Department. It was Det. Guilfoil and the Suffolk County PBA who got the initial federal legislation introduced to establish the memorial. Rep. Biaggi took up the cause due to his police background and his strong belief that law enforcement officers were not getting the appreciation or support that they deserved. In Rep. Biaggi's mind, a national monument in their honor would change the public's view of America's police officers. Joining Rep. Biaggi as the co-author of the Memorial authorizing legislation was U.S. Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-RI), a longtime police supporter.

The legislation languished for a number of years due largely to a lack of any organized influence by police groups on Capitol Hill. By the early 1980s, though, law enforcement was beginning to flex its political muscles. A number of police groups, many of them newly formed, were devoting much of their time and energy letting federal legislators know their needs and concerns. Among their legislative priorities was the establishment of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

The legislation to authorize the Memorial to be built was enacted into law in October, 1984. The groups responsible for its passage were the same ones who ultimately determined the site for the Memorial, developed the design and then raised the money to get it built. Today, those same 15 national law enforcement organizations are represented on the Memorial's board of directors. They include the following groups: Concerns of Police Survivors; Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association; Fraternal Order of Police; Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary; International Association of Chiefs of Police; International Brotherhood of Police Officers; International Union of Police Associations/AFL-CIO; National Association of Police Organizations; National Black Police Association; National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; National Sheriffs' Association; National Troopers Coalition; Police Executive Research Forum; Police Foundation; and the United Federation of Police. There are also four honorary board organizations: the FBI National Academy Associates; the Federal Criminal Investigators Association; the International Association of Women Police; and the International Conference of Police Chaplains. Together, these groups form the governing body of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), the nonprofit organization that built the Memorial and now oversees its future.

After seven long years of dedicated effort, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was dedicated on October 15, 1991. But the work did not end there. The Memorial board members realized that the monument could become the centerpiece of a much larger plan—a plan to honor the service and sacrifice of America's law enforcement officers and their families—a plan to generate increased public support for the law enforcement profession—a plan to help promote law enforcement safety.

This vision has been backed up by an impressive record of accomplishment. In 1993, the Memorial Museum and Visitors Center was established just a short walk from the monument. A year later, the Memorial Fund lobbied Congress successfully to pass a law requiring all American flags to be lowered to half-staff on Peace Officers' Memorial Day. In 1995, one of the great written works devoted to the police profession was published—*To Serve and Protect: A Tribute to American Law Enforcement*. The following year recorded two more milestones for the NLEOMF: a law enacted by Congress authorizing 500,000 National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Commemorative Silver Dollars to be issued by the U.S. Mint; and the initiation of an ongoing "Officer of the Month" program aimed at honoring some of law enforcement's living legends.

To ensure that new names of fallen officers can be added to the Memorial in future years and to assist the National Park Service with the long-term upkeep of the monument, the NLEOMF has established a maintenance endowment fund that now totals more than \$2 million. That money is strictly controlled and carefully invested by the NLEOMF's board members.

When the Memorial was dedicated in 1991, there were 12,561 names engraved on the monument's marble walls. Since then, more than 2,500 names have been added. There are now more than 15,000 names of fallen officers inscribed on the Memorial and for each name there is a corresponding file containing important details about the officer's life and death. A sophisticated computer database that allows all of this important information to be entered and retrieved also now exists. Trends in law enforcement fatalities can be easily tracked and presented to trainers and policymakers who can then use that information to improve police safety.

Currently, more than 4,000 photographs of our fallen officers have been collected and are displayed in the Memorial's Visitors' Center and on the Memorial Web site (www.nleomf.com), which receives approximately six million hits a year.

Among the exciting goals for the future is the creation of a Smithsonian-like law enforcement museum and library, which is expected to become one of the most popular tourist attractions in our nation's capital.

Behind the scenes of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is a small, but highly dedicated staff, dedicated to honoring the memory of America's fallen police officers. Lynn Lyons-Wynne, who served on the congressional staff of U.S. Rep. Biaggi, is the Memorial's director of operations and public liaison. Among her important responsibilities are oversight of Memorial maintenance and coordinator of the Memorial's annual candlelight vigil and other special events. Bernie Spence has been with the NLEOMF for the past five years and serves as their

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NAPO Urges Congress to Extend Basic Collective Bargaining Rights to State and Local Public Safety Officers

United States House of Representatives Employer/Employee Relations Subcommittee of the Committee on Education and the Workforce to Hold Hearing Examining H.R. 1093, "The Public Safety Employer/Employee Cooperation Act of 1999"

Washington, D.C.—The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) will urge the United States House of Representatives Employer/Employee Relations Subcommittee of the Committee on Education and the Workforce to consider extending basic collective bargaining rights to state and local public safety officers.

In a written statement to be submitted to the Subcommittee for their hearing on Tuesday, May 9, 2000, on H.R. 1093, the "Public Safety Employer/Employee Cooperation Act of 1999," Robert T. Scully, executive director of NAPO, addressed the benefits of granting collective bargaining rights to public safety officers. Excerpts from Mr. Scully's written statement appear below:

NAPO and other law enforcement officer organizations strongly support this Committee's consideration of this bill and urge its approval by the House of Representatives. This legislation would extend basic collective bargaining rights to state and local public safety officers, including law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics and EMT employees.

Under this bill, those states that offer equal or greater collective bargaining rights would be exempt from this federal statute. H.R. 1093, if enacted into law, would do the following:

- Confer on public safety officers the right to form and join a union;
- Confer on such officers the right to bargain over wages, hours, and working conditions;
- Provide for fact-finding and mediation to resolve disputes, but not require mandatory arbitration;
- Prohibit strikes and lockouts by public safety officers; and
- Defer to current state laws, certifications, and collective bargaining agreements.

Law enforcement officers endure strenuous, stressful, and hazardous conditions. Often, law enforcement officers are required to work long hours under difficult circumstances, are disabled (sometimes permanently) from on-the-job injuries, and are placed in dangerous situations requiring the potential deadly use of force. According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, based in Washington, D.C., each year, on average, there are 160 officers who die in the line of duty, 62,552 officers who are assaulted, and 21,433 on-the-job injuries suffered by officers. Thus, the authority to engage in collective bargaining directly bears on management's willingness to improve these working conditions, conditions which not only influence the ability to recruit and retain qualified law enforcement officers, but can directly jeopardize offi-

cer safety and increase the risk of serious injury or death.

Collective bargaining involves more than just officer salary and benefits. It also involves the issues of free speech, free association, and the exercise of the right to support political candidates on issues affecting their working conditions and public safety. Collective bargaining agreements enable law enforcement officers to bring their concerns to agency management or elected officials who establish other priorities. These individuals can be unsympathetic or even antagonistic to the unique working conditions of public safety officers.

Collective bargaining has proven to be the most effective and democratic means by which labor and management, in both the private and public sectors, have achieved cooperation and advancement, improved employment conditions, developed fair and reasonable disciplinary procedures, and increased productivity. History proves that the denial of the right of officers to collectively bargain and the absence of dispute-resolution mechanisms cause poor employee morale, inadequate working conditions, and less effective law enforcement.

It is time for the Congress to step up to the plate and act in a comprehensive fashion to mandate collective bargaining in those states which do not have it. This legislation would

allow law enforcement officers to negotiate on working conditions and to seek better salaries, benefits, and training, to protect their families and the public, and to retain an incentive to go into and then stay in the law enforcement profession. In a democratic society, it is in the public's interest for law enforcement officers to have input regarding their wages, hours, and working conditions, especially important because of the nature of their work.

It is time to consider, mark up, and pass this legislation. Collective bargaining has brought stability to law enforcement-management relations and ensured more effective law enforcement.

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Second, if allowed to stand, the Ninth Circuit's decision will have a serious and chilling impact on law enforcement; officers will become apprehensive about questioning criminal suspects. Interrogations of suspects later found by courts to have resulted in inadmissible evidence—whether under the Miranda rule or procedural due process—can furnish the basis of civil liability, even though the actions themselves violated no provision of the U.S. Constitution. (Whether the Miranda warnings are constitutionally compelled under the 5th Amendment is the issue that the Supreme Court is now considering in *Dickerson v. United States*.)

Police will not always be able to predict, for example, whether their words or conduct will be considered a threat or promise that causes a statement to be involuntary. And the many confusing and misunderstood *Miranda* concepts (custody, interrogation, warning, waiver, invocation, re-initiation, and safety

exception) remain so unpredictable in many situations that, "[A] breach of *Miranda* procedures may not be identified as such until long after full *Miranda* warnings are administered and a valid confession obtained." *Oregon v. Elstad*, 470 U.S. at 316. For example, there are hundreds of reported appellate cases on the issue of "custody."

The brief urged the Supreme Court to accept the case for review and then to reverse the Ninth Circuit.

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director of research. Her job is to document all of the line of duty deaths and create a permanent file on every officer who has made the ultimate sacrifice. She is assisted by B. J. Seebol, who focuses her attention primarily on those deaths that occurred long ago but have slipped through the cracks of history.

Ann-Marie Cobb is in charge of the Memorial Visitors' Center and visitor services. On the weekends that job is performed by Carolie Heyliger and Carolyn Hodges. Holly Allison coordinates the Memorial's corporate membership program. For ten years I served as the senior legislative assistant to U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi. It was during that time that I helped get the Memorial legislation passed. Since the outset of the project I have had the honor and privilege of serving as the NLEOMF's chief

administrator. I believe I speak for the entire staff when I say that no job can be any more gratifying.

Finally, credit must be given to the U.S. Park Police and the National Park Service for the job they do caring for the Memorial on a daily basis. They are the ones who keep the Memorial secure and in such pristine condition.

Thanks to so many individuals and organizations, including the nearly two million Americans who have donated money to the Memorial Fund, much as already been accomplished to honor the service and sacrifice of America's law enforcement officers. But, in reality, we have only just begun in our effort to help build a greater public understanding and appreciation of our nation's police officers.

(Craig W. Floyd is chairman of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, in Washington, D.C.)

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Like a Flood—A Doggone Strange Tale

It was about 1:00 a.m. My partner and I were working the graveyard shift in the Hayward area. We got a call to meet a 20002 (hit-and-run) victim at his home in Castro Valley for a report. Dispatch informed us that the damage was minor with no injuries. When we pulled into the driveway we saw a well-groomed and very large German shepherd sitting quietly on the front porch.

At first we were a little apprehensive, but we approached him slowly and he seemed friendly enough. By the time the reporting party answered the door I was talking to the dog and patting him on the head.

The man invited us in, so my partner, the dog and I walked in and sat down in the living room. There was a half-eaten TV dinner (meat loaf, as I recall) on the coffee table.

The gentleman said, "I just got off work and was having a late dinner while I waited for you."

While we took the report, the dog nonchalantly stood up, walked over to the coffee table and finished off the TV dinner with no efforts by the man to stop him. When he finished, he took his place again seated at my feet.

When we had all we needed for our report, we left the man and the dog on the porch and walked toward our patrol car. As we opened the doors to get in, the man called out from his front porch: "Hey, don't forget your dog!" — submitted by "COO" Hubbs, I.D. 5942, Contra Costa Area

(Permission to use this article in The Thin Blue Line was granted by managing editor Blair Barton of The California Highway Patrolman magazine.)

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280 New Names Added To The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

More than 13,000 surviving family members, law enforcement officers and police supporters attended the 12th Annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on May 14th. The names of 280 officers who died in the line of duty were officially added to the Memorial at



Photographer Sonny Odom
United States Attorney General Janet Reno (right) and Debbie Geary, National President of the Concerns of Police Survivors, light a candle of remembrance in honor of America's fallen officers at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial's 12th Annual Candlelight Vigil.

the ceremony, which marked the beginning of the 2000 National Police Week. For the first time since 1989, the event, which was originally scheduled for May 13th, was postponed due to a fierce storm that swept through Washington, D.C.

United States Attorney General Janet Reno delivered the keynote address at the ceremony. In addition, the NLEOMF Distinguished Service Award was presented to the Attorney General for her unwavering support of the law enforcement community, the survivors of those killed in the line of duty and the Memorial itself. In accepting the award,

the Attorney General stated, "This is one of the highest honors I could receive and I am proud to accept this award in the name of the people who are on the front lines for America."

Among the 280 fallen officers whose names were added to the Memorial were 134 who died in 1999, as well as 146 recently discovered deaths from previous years. The number of officers killed in 1999 marked a 17 percent decline from the 161 officers who died in 1998. The new additions bring the total number of names on the monument to 15,139, dating back to the first law enforcement fatality in 1792.

The ceremony also paid tribute to the more than 740,000 federal, state and local officers who continue to serve our nation. In his remarks, Craig W. Floyd, chairman of the Memorial Fund, noted, "By looking at the thousands of names on these walls, by hearing story after story of selfless sacrifice, by seeing the pain etched on so many faces here tonight, America will truly know just how far our officers are willing to go for peace and justice, and just how much they are willing to give for the safety and protection of others."

Speaking on behalf of the survivors, Debbie Geary, the National President for the Concerns of Police Survivors, reflected on what the Memorial has meant to her since its dedication in 1991. "This is a place where these officers will never be forgotten," she said. "This is a place, not only where the officers are remembered, but the sacrifice that he or she has made, and the sacrifices you have made, will never be forgotten."

For more information about the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial call 202-737-3400, or visit the Memorial Web site at www.nleomf.com.

Poet's Corner

Your Face is Like A Poem

by Sgt. Urrutia, CTD

Your face is like a poem,
A poem easy to remember.
To see the beauty of your eyes,
The vibrant color that's within
The goodness and
depthness of your soul.

The fullness of your lips intoxicates,
Excites and placates me.
Lips so soft so pliable and firm
Like rose petals in the wind,
That part ever so slightly for
A lover's touch, to kiss within.

From a Rampart Officer

The officer stood and faced his God,
Which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining,
Just as brightly as his brass.

"Step forward now, Officer,
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To my church have you been true?"

The officer squared his shoulder and said,
"No, Lord, I guess I ain't,
Because those of us who carry badges
can't always be a saint."

I've had to work most Sundays,
And at times my talk was rough,
And sometimes I've been violent
Because the streets are tough.

But I never took a penny
That wasn't mine to keep.
Though I worked a lot of overtime,
when the bills got too steep.

And I never passed a cry for help
Though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God forgive me,
I've wept an unmanly tear.

I know I don't deserve a place
among the people here.
They never wanted me around
except to calm their fear.

If you've a place for me here, Lord,
it needn't be so grand.
I never expected or had too much,
But if you don't . . . I'll understand.

There was silence all around the throne
where the saints often had.
As the officer waited quiet,
for the judgment of his God.

"Step forward now, Officer.
You've borne your burdens well.
Come walk a beat on heaven's streets
You've done your time in hell."

Retirees Annual Picnic

by Carl C. Howard, #2655

Gather around old timers and listen well
Here's a factual story I'm about to tell
Some won't believe but I say it's the truth
Time has a way of mutilating our youth
I looked around for someone I knew
Walked the area for a friend or two
No longer young faces I used to know
Why it's my ex-partner 60 years ago
He looked at my name and said
Howard, I thought you were dead
Would you believe here's the facts
You gotta show up and make some tracks
And the police band played on

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The beer line long as far as you could see
Lots of jokes and stories—some are true
But we can't do what we used to do
So I checked their names and looked
into their eyes
All so mature—my how time flies
So drink your wheat germ oil and nom.
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For now, goodbye
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The LAPD Scandal Should Take a Time-Out

by Michael P. Rives

I woke up this morning with a scared feeling in my gut. It is a feeling that cops get when something is going to or about to happen. I spent ten years on the force and I know when something is about to go down.

A lot of people in this town are scared too. The assistant attorney general seems to backpedal the tough stance taken in a letter to City Attorney Hahn. The council is holding its collective breath waiting for the shoe to drop. Maybe it is waiting for the police shield to hit the floor with a thud. No, not a ringing, happy clank, but just a dull, mournful thud.

Sure there are people in this town who think all is well. They say only a four or five dozen rogue cops are spoiling the party for 9,400 officers. Bernie Parks, they say, has done the best he could by firing every cop in sight. In fact, he let go more than the rest of the chiefs combined. Give the headhunters more power and we will really clean the department. Give the police commission more power and we will really straighten up this mess.

Pretty heavy stuff the defenders are saying these days. But I remember a book I read in college while still a cop. The characters were partying and believing all would remain the same. It didn't and the folks learned in the final lines: "The party is over."

Sadly, for the LAPD of the '50s and '60s, Jack Webb, "Adam 12," and

Joseph Wambaugh, things are about the change, folks. Our party has ended. The feds, those delightful folks who can smell any mess but their own, are about to flex their mean and indifferent selves upon us.

We can stop them though. We can cuff and hog-tie them. We can make these bad guys stop dead in their tracks, pronto. The Mayor and the council can fight tooth and nail to delay a fed takeover until a new president takes over in January. They can turn the department over to a civilian commissioner and citizen review board and tell the feds, "Halt, police officer." They can abolish the police commission and inspector general as a waste of everyone's time. Finally, they can stop treating all soldiers in blue in this town like a class of criminals. Get together with the Protective League and say we aren't going to take this anymore!

All of my senses are alert. Just like in the Black and White car. I see the Fed car up ahead. It slows to a jerky stop. The occupants aren't visible. I exit with a lump in my throat. Something tells that this ain't going to be nice. It is my call now. I radio for back-up and I move slowly and alone to the vehicle. God, does anyone care about the Police Department in this town anymore?

Michael P. Rives has a B.S. degree in criminal justice from California State University, Los Angeles. He was technical resident officer from 1982 to 1992.



From left: Capt. Ann Young, Det. Debbie Gonzalez, Sgt. Mike Apodaca (Wellness Coordinator), Deputy Chief Dave Gascon, League Director Cliff Ruff, and Ann Brunzell, Family Support Group President at Police Memorial ceremonies at Parker Center Memorial.



La Ley Presentation of Sacramento Police Memorial sculpture to Dick Kalk and Historical Society.

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Who is the LAPD?

by Sgt. Mike Arminio
Hollywood Division

So anyway . . . I'm driving to work the other day, listening to news radio, taking in my Minimum Daily Adult Requirement of Abuse for belonging to the LAPD at the time of the worst scandal to hit the Department in decades. I feel like an abused wife in the "cycle of violence." "Go ahead . . . beat me and then tell me how much you need me."

I thought it was funny, how in today's *Times* a spokeswoman for the D.A.'s office was quoted as saying, "We're expecting the officers to be arrested like any other corrupt person." Whoa! Dang . . . don't they usually throw in an "allegedly" before they say what someone is accused of doing? You know, like "The city councilman allegedly brought and smoked cocaine" or "The state official allegedly took some shady campaign contributions." It seemed as if they were sort of putting the B Wagon before the drunk. I guess, though, it's not unusual to get tried and sentenced before the trial here on the LAPD. We actually make pretty fair game, what without shiny badges and our desire to do police work, regardless of how risky that is. I'm not talking about the risk of being shot or stabbed. I'm talking about the risk of being accused of anything and everything, of being fired, and/or being hauled into criminal, civil and federal court.

So why do we take that risk? Some people seem to think it's simply because we . . . I am stupid. The reasoning, offered by many who work "The

Building," is that if you're stupid enough to stay in patrol, to not seek a non-patrol job, you deserve whatever happens to you. I get it! That's why a lot of those cops assigned to PAB drive around in pool cars without radios in them and aren't assigned radios. It discourages crime, and at the same time discourages cops from getting involved in taking action on those crimes. No radios . . . no calls . . . no code 6 . . . no 1.28s! So why work ADD (Art Deco Division), instead of a patrol division? Well, for one thing, it's hard to rack up Uses of Force on your TEAMS report when you telecommute. I don't know . . . you might have to do a take-down on a 415 pizza delivery man, I guess, but I'm sure it's rare.

Another advantage is the environment. What seems more appealing: Walking a foot beat through a stinky, sticky downtown alley, Fl'ing a hype . . . or shmoozing down the hall with Todd from AAD (Audits and Acronyms Division), chatting over your cafe latte mocha grande about the upcoming out of town seminar? Seriously, though I'm poking a little fun, I'm not trying to discount the importance of many of the jobs at "The Building." No one can deny the need for or deserved prestige of an RHD, ACU, or others. How could we do without the Officer Rep. Section right now? They prove their worth every day. I'm not really pointing my finger at any particular assignment. Everybody knows his or her worth and the worth of their assignment. But while patrol is the thing which attracts us to police work, why are so many compelled to get out of it?

Recently, a friend, disgusted and worn down from the tortuous ordeal of being

the object of a drawn out IA investigation of multiple false allegations and a subsequent Board of Rights, declared, in tears: "I hate this lousy (adjective substituted) department!" I had to disagree. This officer didn't hate the Department. It was people and a system who couldn't care less about how this officer's life was being affected.

There's a lot of evil out there, enough to go around for all of us to hate. I just think we need to identify the true object of our hatred. I don't think it's the Department. What or who is "the Department" anyway?

This calls to mind something I told a recruit I worked with on his second ride-along one night, about seventeen years ago in Southeast Division. He was a bit disheartened by the ramblings of his no-personality partner, the night before. He had told him, "You screwed up kid . . . this department stinks and this is a lousy job. You should have picked a different line of work." This was a self-appointed "veterano" who had "seen it all and done it all." The "veterano," however, had failed to truly learn to appreciate the enjoyable things of police work—to do the job and have fun doing it. It had become only a job to him and he burned out quick. That was the LAPD to him. A job? I can remember thinking as a young recruit in 1977, "I get to do all this? AND they pay me? AND I get a vacation?" I didn't want to go on a vacation. The job WAS the vacation!

The recruit and I had a great time that night. We stayed busy and got into a little of everything and had a lot of fun doing it. He told me it had given him a whole different outlook on things. I told him not to listen to what everyone else said about the LAPD. Whether special interest groups, the brass, self-serving politicians, or burned-out cops, they all have their opinions of the LAPD. The point was, it didn't matter what any of them thought. From the recruit's point of view, he was the LAPD. He would make it what he thought it should be, by the way he treated people, the way he backed up his brother officers, the way he performed his job, the way he wore his uniform and shined his badge. It would be up to him to make others see the LAPD the way he wanted them to. As far as anyone around him could see, he was the LAPD.

Well, the last I noticed, the recruit, who later became my probationer, hadn't done too bad for himself. He has since moved on to bigger and better things for himself. He had made the LAPD as he saw it, the way he wanted it to be seen and still does.

Unfortunately, many others on the Department have made it what they want it to be and we have to live in it with them. While our mission has remained the same—to protect and to serve—the rules have changed. Some for the good, some for the not-so-good. It's become a lot less dangerous to sit out the game and avoid the risks. To many, who originally joined the Department to fight crime and seek adventure, it's become easier to find a nice quiet job, out of patrol, where Uses of Force, FTAs, CPI traffics, and personnel complaints are few and far between. It's getting harder to blame them. Others promote their way between these jobs to positions of leadership. The only problem is, they don't know how to lead. How do you teach

someone how to play the game, if you've spent most of your time on the bench? Well, it's simple: You substitute experience, practical application and common sense with favoritism, threats, double standards, and an inflexible disciplinary system.

Amazingly, many "leaders" don't get it. When you forget your work force (the thing that can make you look good) is made up of people, not numbers, and don't care about them, they know it. You can order them to do a job, but they won't enjoy it and won't be doing it for you or care why you want it done. Here's a short test: Fill in the blank . . . A _____ employee is a productive employee.

While the primary concern of a leader is not to make him/herself liked, it doesn't hurt. If you show people you know what you are doing, why you're doing it and treat them like you would like to be treated, like adults, they will follow you into blazing machine gun fire. If you have avoided the same job you expect others to do . . . If you favor some over others, because they're easily manipulated, or look good in short skirts . . . If you make your own promotability a primary concern . . . If you tell people to do the job because you said so . . . it will be a struggle to get some to write a parking ticket.

To "leaders" like these, morale is not a concern. I don't know a whole lot or claim to have the "Big Picture," but I know one thing for sure . . . and I didn't need a board of inquiry to figure it out, either. If you don't give them a reason to be proud to be where they are and who they are and happy to be doing their job, they are likely to do one of two things: They'll either leave and find a job that offers no risk, or they'll stay and create their own morale, one which excludes your input and includes their own leaders.

It's no mystery as to how things can get so bad. They become the worst scandal in more than 60 years and provide filler for the Metro section of the *Times* into the 22nd century . . . no leadership. You can hire all the unqualified, ethics-challenged people you want. You can make us listen to all the "apologies," written up convicted felon-cops because they got caught. You can attend all the "Leadership" schools you want. You can demote, fire and prosecute all the cops and supervisors you want, as fast as you can, to show you're cleaning up this "nest of corruption," but you won't stop it from happening again, unless, as a leader, you truly lead.

I was wondering . . . why don't we see as many cannibalistic societies as we used to . . . ? They probably ran out of outsiders and started eating each other, or they moved down the river, where people didn't eat each other. That left nobody to do the necessary work like hunting, fence mending, pottery, gardening and police work.

What's my point? Oh yeah, I did have one. After almost a quarter of a century, I feel like I just got here. I've had a great time, except for the time I bought that kayak on duty and that semi-truck almost tore the door off my Metro cruiser at the dock. That kayak cost a lot more than I'd expected. Anyway, who is the LAPD? In my case, it's me. That's okay, I never liked cafe latte mocha grandes, anyway. So, who is the LAPD to you?

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Donation of Cell Phones to SLOs
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KNX Newsradio Editorial

LAPD Reform

There is a danger in the negotiations being held between the U.S. Justice Department and the city of Los Angeles. If reform of the LAPD is going to be realistic and thorough, then there had better be input from the rank-and-file officers and the community. Simply having the federal government just order people around is not productive and will not produce the desired changes.

KNX knows the federal government is upset with some of the actions of the LAPD, but it must be placed in perspective.

Most officers have never been involved in corruption and do a competent job on the street. Out of respect for them, these officers should be represented at the negotiating table. Their expertise should lead to more appropriate and realistic reform. And where is the voice of the community in this process? It's easy to sit in Washington, D.C., and make decisions about the future of L.A.'s law enforcement. It's much harder to develop reform that makes sense.

As this reform process moves ahead, KNX hopes local control is part and parcel of it. After all, we're the ones who will have to live with the reformed police department. ♦

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Career Development News

The Career Development Section announces that it has expanded content on the Department LAN in two major sections. The Notices section lists upcoming examination dates and upcoming seminars. It also gives the most recent date for examinations that have not yet been scheduled and explains to employees how to calculate the probable date of the next examination. There is a new section under "Employee Resources" entitled Career Development that contains other career information such as bibliographies, tasks and competencies, and job descriptions. In the future, information will be added regarding education and other career related topics.

The Career Development Section (CDS), in conjunction with La Ley, is sponsoring written preparation seminars for all Detective candidates beginning Wednesday evenings at Parker Center Auditorium from 1800 to 2030 hours. The dates of the seminars are scheduled for: July 5, 12, 19, 26, and August 2, 2000. The seminars will also be videotaped and available for checkout at the CDS centers.

The Career Development Section staff may be reached at (213) 207-3000 (Lake Street in the downtown area) or (310) 342-3172 (ARTC in the airport area). The Career Development Center operates a hotline that operates 24 hours daily and lists the latest career related information. To reach the hotline, call (213) 207-3000. ♦

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Dallas Police Officer Writes Children's Book

by Ted Hunt

When veteran Dallas Police Officer Ron Pinkston took his two young sons to the library to get a book that would help explain to them what their daddy does as a police officer, he found that there weren't such books. "There were plenty of books about firefighters," Ron told the *Thin Blue Line*, "and everyone loves them. But there wasn't anything about what police officers do, so I decided to write a book for my kids."

The book, *A Police Officer... That's What I'll Be!* is directed toward chil-

dren, pre-kindergarten through first grade. It is colorfully illustrated by Israel Rivera, and a portion of the proceeds go to benefit the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center.

Officer Pinkston has worked hard on the book, which he hopes will explain to all children, especially the children of police officers, what it is that daddy and/or mommy does at work, and how the police help people.

A Police Officer... That's What I'll Be! is available at Barnes & Noble and other fine bookstores. ♦

Profitable Penalties Book Review

by Ted Hunt

July 2000

The source of this book review is Sage Publishing. The review is presented for educational purposes only in an attempt to help officers who are pursuing academic goals.

Profitable Penalties, by Daniel Glaser, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.

Daniel Glaser's wisdom and experience of a half century of employment, research, and teaching in the field of

corrections is reflected in this volume. He focuses on whether the vast sums we are spending to "get tough on crime" actually give us our money's worth and uses what the best research evidence available shows are the most profitable reactions to lawbreakers. This book's singular contribution and the material is presented in a bright and readable style for undergraduates as well as the general public.

The book is available through Sage Publishing, 805-499-9774 telephone, 805-375-1700 fax. ♦

VETERAN'S CORNER



For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

American Legion News

Commander Martin Chalupa, 381

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday,
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Panorama City, CA 91402
(818) 781-2261

Adjutant Frank Ortiz
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Happy Birthday America

On July 4, 1776, we claimed our independence from England and Democracy was born. Each year on July 4th, Americans celebrate that freedom and independence with barbecues, picnics, and family gatherings. Remember that the freedom that we have wasn't free. One of the activities on the 4th of July is watching fireworks. Why? The fireworks represent war, as written in our "National Anthem." And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air. At this time let us also remember all the Americans who fought to make our country the greatest nation on earth. We

invite all people and all nations to celebrate with America on this 4th of July. Happy birthday, America!

May Meeting

Our last meeting was held on 5/16/00. The following six persons were elected to serve on the Executive Board for the year 2000/2001. Woody Baca, Frank Flores, J.J. Leonard, Charlie Meter and Michael Regan.

Welcome Recruit Class #5 - 2000

On 5/8/00, J.J. Leonard and Marty Chalupa welcomed the new police recruit class. There were 16 with military service. They all joined Police Post #381. Congratulations and welcome to the new members: Anthony Choi (USMC), Daniel Cota (USMC), Jeremy Escamilla (USA), Jerome Frietz (USN), Robert Jaramillo (USMC), Cecil Mangrum (USCG), Louis Origel (USN), Michael Pettinato (USN), Carlos Rodriguez (USA), Nicolas Rodriguez (USA), David Sabedra (USA), Jesse Seder (USNG), Timothy Shumaker (USCG), Joseph Torrance (USN), Edison Vistar (USN), Jason Whittenton (USA).

Benefits

There are several companies that offer special services or discounted

prices to members of the American Legion. There are two in the car rental field. Avis, 800-331-1212 (ID# G343600), and National Car Rental, 800-CAR-RENT (ID# 5176669). For more information on benefits, visit www.legion.org.

Folk Humor

The easiest way to eat crow is while it's still warm; the colder it gets, the harder it is to swallow.

A day without sunshine is like, well, night.

If it don't seem like it's worth the effort, it probably ain't.

It's good to save the whales; in fact, why not collect the whole set.

Always drink upstream from the herd. Never miss a good chance to shut up.

Special Days

July 4th - Independence Day; July 20th - Neil Armstrong & Buzz Aldrin, first men on the moon (Apollo 11), 1969; July 27th - Korean War Armistice, 1953; August - Signing of the Declaration of Independence, 1776

Famous Sayings

"We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal." — Thomas Jefferson

"I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death." — Patrick Henry

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." — Astronaut Neil Armstrong, July 20, 1969

The Next Meeting of Police Post #381

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is July 18, 2000. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00, with the meeting to follow. There is a \$5 donation for dinner. Location: the Panorama Post, 13553 Reedley Street, Panorama City. For information on the meeting, please call Adjutant Frank Ortiz. (626) 331-4271.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

The Divisional Reporter is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Divisional Reporters may submit one report per Division for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

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by SLO Al Labrada
Southeast Division

On Thursday, May 20, 2000, the Southeast Area employees, friends and family members gathered for the Goens Family golf tournament. The event was well attended and enjoyed by the guests



of honor, the Goens family. On behalf of Senior Lead Officer **Randy Goens**, his family, and everyone at Southeast, we would like to thank everyone who attended, participated, and donated to the cause. I would like to especially acknowledge Senior Lead Officer **Josh Chong** who executed the majority of the planning. Enjoy the photos.

Recently, I was in the locker room where I could hear faint cries for help coming from the weight room. The cries continued to get louder, the best way to have you experience that type of cry is to have you watch the animal channel. Well, with further investigation it was determined that we did not have a cat on the roof, as some officers first thought. It was in fact Officer **Ryan Moreno** who lay in pain after having completed three sets of 5 pound curls. Ryan actually seriously strained a back muscle while working out. This is where the odd picture comes in. Officer Moreno was actually lifted by an LAFD ladder truck from the roof of the station. Ryan is still out but he will be glad to know that we recently received all new donated weights.

Employees of the Quarter

The employees of the quarter are selected and judged based on the following categories. The Officer/ Detective is selected based on his or her recap, contribution to the Division, FASTRAC, leadership, and morale. The supervisor is judged and selected based on response to calls, availability to officers, knowledge, morale builder, leadership, decision making, fair/impartial, acknowled-

gment of good work and good communication. In the civilian category the following attributes are acknowledged, professionalism, above/beyond, attendance, attitude, job flexibility, diverse knowledge and a team player. Congratulations to the following employees for the nominations: Police



Officer - P.O. III **Walter McMahon**, #31237; Patrol Supervisor - Sgt. I **Daniel Putz**, #24945; Civilian - Management Analyst I **Donna Shibuya**, #V9129; Detective - Det. I **William Carter**, #24852; Detective Supervisor - Det. II **Johnie Webster**, #21352.

Promotions and Movement

Congratulations to new Southeast Lieutenant **O. Carter** who comes in from the office of the Chief of Police. Farewell, to Lieutenant **J. Justice** who after only one month was sent out to Foothill Division. A finally at-boy to new Detective trainee **Benny Abucejo**, not that it took him a long time but that he finally decided to try for a position.

A farewell to new Detective I **V. Emme** who is off to northeast and Sergeant **E. Hale** who is going home to Pacific Division. Sergeant **L. Gallegos** is off to Van Nuys, Officer **K. Mason** will be instructing at the Academy and Officer **Susan Pulley** is now at South Traffic. Also gone but not forgotten is Officer **J. Chrispens** to West Traffic, Officer **K. Hopkins** to West Valley, new Police Officer II's **J. Min** (RAMP), **T. Stone** and **E. Martin** (WIL).

Making new friends at Southeast are new Detective **R. Rodriguez** (CENT), Sergeant **T. Vanduyne** (PAC), Sergeant **S. Leskera** (RAMP), P-III **M. Botello** (LRS), P-I **C. Donegan** (TD) and P-I **S. Peterson** (TD).

Until next month have, be safe and have a safe 4th of July.

NARCOTICS GROUP

by Dave Dooros
Narcotics Division

The Narcotics Divisional Reporter is back and I have been handed the baton from my predecessor.

Speaking of the handing off of batons, Baker-to-Vegas has come and gone. For those of you that didn't know, five of our runners were injured in the week prior to the race and were unable to run. But fear not, for **Dan Sullivan**'s golden tongue convinced five courageous souls to run on short notice. The Narcotics Division running team competed in the Open Division and showed tremendous esprit-de-corps. The team finished 27th. Those that represented and supported our division were: **Yehuda Packer**, **Tom Mossman**, **Ron Hodges**, **Roger Ramirez**, **Alma Andrade**, **Jim Flynn**, **Theresa Coyle**, **Gerald Kennelly**, **Arnulfo Valdez**, **Hsin-Yi Lo**, **Dante Palacio**, **Sal**

Duarte, **Joe Salazar**, **Steve Turner**, **Peter Galan**, **Ron Granados**, **Gerry Holtz**, **Rick Gutierrez**, **Carmen Mederos**, and **Silvia Ruiz**.

Narcotics Division would like to thank each and every one of you for your time and effort. Special thanks go out to those runners that filled in at the last moment when runners went down.

The softball season is under way. We have learned that we have some good players, but sometimes not enough. So come on out if you'd like to play. Games are on Thursday mornings. We are playing in the southern division and Southeast Squad's **Gary Lopez** is our fearless leader. Give him a call if you're interested in helping out the team.

Ins and Outs

Since the last reporter and the ND Shuffle of a few DPs ago, there has been too much movement to mention (I'm restricted to 600 words). Suffice it to say that you are where you are, so sit back and enjoy your stay here at Narcotics Division.

Note: This is my first article for the ND Reporter. If you have any constructive ideas or material or pictures for future ND Reporter articles, please feel free to contact me at the doghouse in the basement of the Lake Street facility.

More Divisional Reporter on next pages



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You may also visit the City of Riverside's website at www.ci.riverside.ca.us and click on the link to the Police Department.

DIVISIONAL REPORTER

West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

West L.A. was happy to welcome Sgt. Mike Zaboski, #26098, last month when he arrived from West Valley after working there for five years. He also



WLA's recent newcomer—Sgt. Mike Zaboski 26098.

spent five years working for our very own Lt. Duke over at WTD as a CI. He told me that he had so much fun he's back again...on the West side. "Look at the fun I'm having now!" he said, after working more than an hour overtime on morning watch. Mike enjoyed all of the different things he got involved in, such as UOs and said that working the traffic division wasn't as slow as they said it was.

I couldn't figure out at first why Sgt. Lisa Ovesen looked so different today. Then I realized she was wearing a new heart-shaped engagement ring. Sgt. Ovesen (soon to be Matelote) became engaged on June 2, 2000, just in time to be submitted for this edition of the *Blue Line*. "Honest, it's not cubic zirconia," said Lt. Duke, to which Sgt. Ovesen said, "Where's the milk?!" The wedding will take place on an unspeci-



Dacey and Gras...on Gras's last day at WLA...it was a sad day...

fied day in September. Congratulations, Lisa, from all of us here at West L.A.

Lt. Charlie Duke has currently been attending the Master's College in Placerita Canyon working on his Bachelor's degree in Organizational Management. He spends his spare time with his five-year-old daughter, Katie, and also has two grandchildren. He has currently been between homes and living in a condo at Laguna Beach.

Knock, knock. Who's there? Vice. Vice who? Vice is nice...well, not really. That's why West L.A.'s vice unit, headed by Sgt. Doug Wade (Wade) is to be commended for its clandestine encounters...whatever they are! At the



Sgt. Lisa Ovesen—soon to be Matelote.

time of this writing, they were still getting the details together for a prime story to be featured in the next *Blue Line*. I just wanted to give you something to look forward to. ♦

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by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

On January 6, 2000, Sgt. Flores, #24858, and Officers Haines, #32853, and Davis, #32256, working uniform patrol, received a radio call to meet parole agents at 10128 Arleta Ave. for a detention of parolee selling illegal narcotics.

Sgt. Flores, along with Officers Haines and Davis, arrived at the location and met with the parole agents at above location. Agents had observed the parolee making possible narcotics sales from the parking lot, located at 14015 Van Nuys Blvd. from the rear trunk of a vehicle. Officers responded with the agents and detained the parolee and two other possible suspects at the location. Officers, using their expert investigating skills, discovered that the parolee, along with the two other suspects, were in fact selling illegal pharmacy narcotics from Mexico. The drugs were being sold from a business located on Van Nuys Blvd. The suspects were arrested and transported to Foothill Station for 11352 H&S and all narcotics were booked downtown Property Division.

Sgt. Flores, Officers Haines and Davis, Parole Agents Moreno and Luce were commended for their investigation skills, tenacity, dedication and commitment to the Foothill Community. This incident is another example of inter-agency cooperation and with the ultimate goal to reduce crime in our community.

Foothill Detectives

This officer has been working as an investigator for the Criminal Conspiracy Unit for over 18 months. This unit has arrested numerous felony suspects for narcotics, burglary, robbery, car jacking and other violent crimes. This unit has also recovered hundreds of thousands of dollars in property and has returned it to all the victims. The officer I am talking about is P-2 **Bobby Royal**, #31456, who was investigating a mental elder abuse case, which involved the caretaker who was driving the medical van, who took money, property and other value property. Officer Royal recovered the victim's property and arrested the suspect. This type of police work is common for these officers. For this officer's outstanding work, dedication to the citizens of this community, he is awarded officer of the quarter.

Sports

Our softball team is 5-2 behind West Valley Division, which is always a tough game. We lost in the 7th inning 24 to 23. Our team is hitting over .600%. Team leaders on offense are Sgt. Smith, Sgt. Watts, Officers Lamonica, Collier, Davis, Swanson, Rodriguez, Johnson, Peycor and myself. Great job, guys.

In and Outs

We hate to say goodbye to these outstanding officers who were always working hard to make Foothill a safe area for the community and responding to all the problem locations. All of the divisions these officers are going to are obtaining quality individuals. God bless and take care. Sgt. Gourman, #27300, Officers Davis, #32256, to P-3 VNYS, Officer Chen, #33011, to PAC, Purece, #32488, and Jensen, #32954.

We would like to greet all of our new officers; you came to an active area, which everyone enjoys. Welcome Officers Mendoza, #33261, Knop, #32094, Sanchez, #31457, and Det. Training Linda Hundertmark (Cardenas) assigned to Autos who came from DARE. ♦

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2000 Scholar



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Kristina Angelo, \$750 Winner, Ted Hunt, Carl Washington and Detective Angelo.



The Award Winners display their certificates.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ESSAY QUESTION

Imagine yourself as being the next President-Elect of the United States. You must begin writing your Inaugural Address. Knowing that you won the national election by a very narrow margin (you did not receive an overwhelming mandate of the popular vote), and without mentioning your political party affiliation, write what your Inaugural Address will be to the American public. Include the following in your address:

- I. The present State of the Union, as you see it.
- II. What your vision of the future of the nation is.
- III. Specifically, how you plan to achieve your vision of the future you have promised.

(Hint: Detailed plans, programs, performance measurements and models are suitable to include here.)

2000 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS WINNING ESSAY

THE FUTURE OF AMERICA

By Brian Becker, Moorpark High School

My Fellow Americans,



s I sat to write this, my first presidential address, I was unsure of how best to proceed. I have just been elected as the leader of a great and prosperous nation. Economically, diplomatically, and domestically, the United States sets a standard of excellence for the rest of the world. Our citizens are excelling in scientific discovery, art, and education. Yet as I stand here on the podium to address the citizens of my beloved country, I am troubled. I see a nation who, despite its enormous prosperity, continues to divide itself over almost every major issue. Indeed, even in voting for your president, this country could not reach a universal agreement. This is the tragedy of our nation. For this country, which was built on concern for the rights and needs of its people, without them cannot long endure. There is, therefore, a solemn duty that I, as your elected president willingly accept: to solidify the country.

Yes! My vision for America is not only remarkable, it is possible. Imagine a nation that no longer wastes its time disputing and stubbornly arguing. Imagine a nation free from senseless violence and

devastating unemployment. Let the government once again which are its very life force improved so that students areatics on computer screens; we laws on controversial issues. T and accomplishing them would toward the vision of America.

Together, I know we can by our combined efforts unprecedented prosperity. If newscasts have been plagued tal shootings and violent c years, and indeed long after tedy this problem. Guns must and out of the hands of crim must impose restrictions on background checks, waiting mandatory safety locks. Id should have the only firearms that point is reached we mu Also, unemployment must ignored. I propose both mandients find employment within increasing our efforts to fa regard to education, I strong and state governments to increase materials.

And now, the final and m plan for America's future: T judicial review by our Supre must adopt a universal and apply to controversial issue unite and once and for all disity of the death penalty, abor control. Our congress and o national policy and we, the States of America, must devot their legal decisions. I dream than diplomatically and fin dream of a nation where the ishes because our noble citize the good of their country. A lead the other nations of the will continue to look to our what can be. Let us stand w the world that crime, hate, urance have no place in the Un them that while we maintain we solidify behind our nation of the country. And finally, demonstrate that the United truly united. Thank you.

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Scholarship Awards



display their certificates, along with member Carl Washington.

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employment. Imagine a nation where at once all focuses on its citizens, very lifeline. We need education that students no longer mere statistics, but screen a uniform set of controversial issues. These ideals are in reach, and should be an enormous step forward. That is what I dream of.

I know we can protect this nation and combine efforts to launch America into a new era of prosperity. For too long now our country has been plagued with stories of accidents and violent crimes. These next four years will be long after that, are the time to remember them. Guns must be taken off the streets and out of the hands of animals and children. We must place restrictions on their purchase including background checks, waiting periods, and perhaps safety locks. Ideally, our police force will be the only firearms in our society, but until that is reached, we must protect our children. Employment must be dealt with and not pose both mandating that welfare recipients find employment within a fixed time span and efforts to facilitate their search. In addition, I strongly urge the school boards to lower class sizes and materials.

The final and most important step in my America's future: Through legislation and by our Supreme Court, this country must have a universal and uniform set of laws that address all controversial issues. Nationally, we must and for all discover the constitutionalities of abortion, gay rights and gun control. Congress and our courts must define a national standard, and we, the citizens of the United States, must devote ourselves to accepting these decisions. I dream of America being more politically and financially prosperous—I dream of a nation where the hate and violence vanishes. Our noble citizens devote themselves to making their country great. America will continue to be a beacon of hope to the nations of the world. Other countries will look to our shores as a beacon of hope, crime, hate, unemployment, and ignorance. Let us stand with pride and show the world a place in the United States. Let us show that we maintain our separate opinions, and that our nation's policies for the good of the United States of America areank you.

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League President Ted Hunt and Assemblyman Carl Washington, Scholarship Awards presenter.



Vanessa Vinger, \$750 Winner, with her family members and presenter, Carl Washington.



Mollye Hooper, \$750 Winner, with Ted Hunt, Carl Washington and the Hoopers.



Kelly Moberly, \$750 Winner, with Ted Hunt, Carl Washington and the Moberlys.



Melissa Brown, \$750 Winner, with Ted Hunt, Carl Washington and the Browns.

VAN NUYS Happenings

by Bob Rose
Van Nuys Happenings

Well gang, this is it, my final *Blue Line* article. Why?? Retired coppers don't write Van Nuys Happenings. This shore will fall to one **Linda Gotham**. Don't know why she took on this endeavor. Just kidding, Linda. You and the Department are in great shape. It must be time to go. The other day I went EOW and went to find my car. It was not in its usual spot. Tried the alternative spot, not there either. The third spot, nope. Then I had a great idea. Push the alarm key and make it beep. After much looking around, I followed the sound. Darn, forgot I moved it this A.M. Then I lost my jacket. Thanks, **Brian Hillman**, for finding it at my breakfast spot. It must be time to go. Wait, where is my watch?? Usually on my wrist. Well, I will have lots of time to find it, unless the college district comes through. I hope I can find the campus they assign me to.

While on vacation, **Ann Young** was promoted to Captain. Congrats, Ann. I did not forget you, I just was not here. My partner and I got a radio call to handle a CPI traffic in Devonshire Area. I did sniffle mightily, but my partner, **Troy Collins**, got me out of it. Honest, Troy, you did not have to crash into that gardener's truck. I would rather have taken the other traffic ...

Nina Sandoval and hubby, **Rudy**, of **TD** announced they celebrated their

17th wedding anniversary. Good luck and hope for another 17 of bliss.

Did you know that German submarines always have their periscopes up, even when they are in drydock? Especially those with the wolf-pack, and they can even fire torpedoes from this drydock. If you don't believe this, ask **Ron Allen**.

Time for those comings and goings. Wow, a whole bunch of them. Can't anyone get along anywhere? First **Lydia Diaz** (Napoleon clone) studied hard and was promoted to lieutenant and will drive off to Central Area. Good luck, Lydia. Take it easy on the troops there. **Larry Maillet** moved up from Sgt. 1 to Sgt. 2 and becomes our P.M. assistant watch commander. **Lim** and **Allen** become detectives at Van Nuys. Welcome aboard. **Morse** and **Baeza** also were promoted to sergeants at Van Nuys. Sgt. **Fuller** leaves Van Nuys Detectives to IAG and Sgt. **Doster** moves on to Training Division. **Steve Dell** transferred to VTD as this was the only place he could go where he could find his way to the new division. I know Steve and I seem to suffer from the same thing—old age. **Craig Kitchner** somehow made sergeant and shipped to Wilshire. A whole slew of folks made probation and shipped out (**Fard, Holmes, Miocic, Scott, Subia, Valle, Ismail, Machuca**). Hope they find happiness and fortune in their new assignments. **Bob Schallenberg** (retired Van Nuys sergeant) was back in L.A. visiting. He did read my *Blue Line* article about the roof leaking and stated, "I used to worry about stuff like that." Guess it bothered him too much to be here, as he had a heart attack while here. Hey Bob, stay in Park City, Arizona. It's too dangerous here.

I sat in the Van Nuys Training Unit trying to avoid being sent to yet another boring training session. Hey news

flash—I will be watching the DNC on TV. Wow, I bet that rock hurt, but while slumming I did note old timer **Jim Rigney** talking with **Gary Nanson**. The only reason Gary talks to Jim is that it makes him feel young and they both like to catch fish. Of course, at Jim's age he does tend to mumble a lot. I think he stated to Gary that he went



Lindsay and James Cherrette, with Leanna Rose, born March 4th, 1636 hrs, 7 lbs., 5 oz., 20 1/4 inches long.

boar hunting—or was it whore hunting. I think that it was boars, as he stated, "It was a really difficult shot as the porker had already cleared the chutes. I did ask Jim to clarify what he had really stated, but alas his hearing is also

going. I hope I got the facts down correctly. Of course, **Linda** did volunteer that she had to go off IOD for almost a year when the same **Jim R.** spotted a Tommy Burger she was eating and went for the kill. He missed the burger but messed up both of Linda's shoulders resulting in extensive surgery. I once again confronted Jim about this occurrence, but it seems his memory is also gone. **Randy Hoffmaster** decided to place a desk between the two to prevent any further incidents, but this does not prevent Jim from launching all sorts of missiles at her. But since she does not have horns and if she sits still, the chance of a hit is remote. It seems his eyesight is not what it should be. Finally I have heard of "tennis elbow" but what in the world is "file cabinet shoulder?"

It has been fun, all of you hang in there, things should get better. I will follow events in the *Times*. They are always so accurate and fair with LAPD. Best joke of all in this article is this former statement. God bless and adios.

(Editor's Note: Thanks to Bob for being consistently entertaining and informative in his regular reporting for Van Nuys Division. Your style is definitely unique. We will miss your stream-of-consciousness writing. Best of luck!)

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



M.S.D. Notes

by Jeff Bert
Management Services Division

In spite of several paper cuts, dizziness associated with riding up and down too many elevators, and a few isolated incidents with a certain pocket protector, Management Services Division (MSD) gathered two teams for the May 13th Memorial Relay Race. Taking a solid first place in the Supervisor Category were five of our Division's strongest runners: Lt. John Sherman, Sgt. Jim Gavin, Sgt. Trisha Milewski, Sgt. Dave Watson, and Sgt. Patty (Roadrunner) Gerst. In the Open Category, Sgt. Wayne Levins, Officer Deborah Aoki, Officer Mike Flynn, Officer Teresa Irvin, and Officer Jeff

Bert finished 12th place. Well done to all those involved.

And just when we learned 'em to write right, they had to up and promote. Management Services Division says goodbye and good luck to two star researchers: Teresa Irvin just became a



Jim Ungari.

Detective at 77th Division, and E. J. Pape became a Senior Lead Officer in Van Nuys Division, promising mucho extra patrol at Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. Both of them will be missed. Further congratulations are in order for Sgt. Chris Thiffault transferring laterally from Procedures and Directives Section, MSD, to Internal Affairs. Finally, we say good luck to Senior Management Analyst I Jan Kuris Doherty who will be leaving Community Policing Planning Section, promoting to Senior M.A. II in the office of the Inspector General. Again, well done to all those who promoted and transferred.

A Special Note

The Department honored Management Services Divisions' most tenured employee this month with his 30-year pin. Jim Ungari is nothing shy of a legend at MSD—a figure of civility, professionalism and friendliness—who has been around, well, since before MSD was around. Jim heads the Graphics Unit at MSD and has been involved in designing brochures, flyers, newsletters, and posters for the last 22 years. No, 22 years is not a typo. So, 22 years ago, when I was losing at Space Invaders, whistling Blondie tunes, and struggling with the Rubik's Cube, Jim was a sea-

sioned policeman working for the Chief of Police.

Jim, now having worked under four Chiefs of Police, muses that he has seen a lot of people come and go. Jim told me, "It's wonderful to be a 'trusted employee.' It's been said (and I agree) I have the best P-III job in the Police Department. I love the job so much that I've missed but three days due to illness, and those happened my first couple of years of service." And love his job, he does. Every time I have ever seen him working in his expanded computer cubicle—looking something like the cockpit of the Millennium Falcon—the man is smiling. Amidst the wires, cables, printers, monitors, layout tables, and indeed computers, he is at home.

"The Department has been very good to me over the years," Jim tells me, "having sent me to Computer Graphics courses and schools at UCLA and USC. I was fortunate enough to have been offered a teaching position at USC, and for the past four years I have taught Computer Graphics at the university."

I look at Jim and say, "All right, you've done your 30, so where from here?"

Jim smiles and says, "I look forward to many more years of service, unless I win the Lottery, or . . ." *



by Det. Tom Wich
Robbery Homicide Division

Commendable Incident

No murder case is ever put to rest. This case comes to you from the files of Homicide Special. In 1977 the body of Mike Arriola, the son of an L.A. City Council Field Deputy, was found in the trunk of a vehicle parked at LAX. Famed Homicide Detectives John "Jig Saw" St. John and Bob Reynolds were assigned the dubious task of solving this murder. The detectives conducted a thorough investigation, including interviewing 60 plus witnesses. Based on their findings, these detectives identified the suspect. The murderer, Donald Collins, was a business partner of Arriola. They owned and operated a "scam joint," otherwise known as a massage parlor. Though the detectives worked countless hours on this case there still was not enough solid evidence to obtain a filing on the suspect. The case was put into the unsolved cabinet and remained "investigation continued."

In 1999, RHD Homicide Detectives Ron Ito and Brian McCartin and

Officer Steve Eguchi reexamined this case. The detectives re-interviewed witnesses including one that gave the detectives the solid evidence that had eluded the original detectives assigned to this case. Based on their investigation the detectives were able to file one count of murder on Donald Collins. After obtaining a warrant for Collins arrest the detectives responded to Collins' residence in Phoenix, AZ. Shortly after his arrest Collins had a heart attack (bet he was wishing he was back at a scam joint), and was booked into a hospital. Collins has survived his brush with death and will soon be brought back to L.A. to stand trial.

Retrial Phase of Murdered LAPD Motor Officer Paul Verna

RHD Homicide Detectives are tasked with all investigations concerning any murder of one of our own. We also handle any retrial procedures that may arise at any time after the case has been adjudicated. This case is an example of that.

On June 2, 1983, at 1740 hours, LAPD Officer Paul L. Verna, #15086, while on duty assigned to motors, was shot to death during a routine traffic stop in Foothill Area. RHD Detectives assumed the investigative responsibility of this case. Based on their investigation, the murderer was identified. This scum, Kenneth Gay, was later arrested and sentenced to death for the murder of Officer Verna. Along with the murder, he was also found guilty of numerous armed robberies committed in the San Fernando Valley. In 1993, the California

Supreme Court affirmed the murder conviction of Kenneth Gay and his accomplice Raynard Cummings.

The trial took its toll on the family, friends and partners of Paul Verna. No satisfaction can ever come from such a terrible event. The nightmare was reborn on December 24, 1998, when the California Supreme Court reversed the death penalty for Gay, citing ineffective assistance of counsel. The murder conviction was again upheld; however, the court granted Gay a new penalty phase trial.

Based on this ruling, RHD Homicide Detectives J. Stevens, #13612, E. Kwock, #21819, P. Coulter, #21892, W. Tennen, #22628, and D. English, #23098, were assigned to the "Verna Task Force." The District Attorney's office assembled a prosecuting team consisting of Grade IV DDA Lawrence Morrison, Head Deputy Jeff Jonas, DDA Jennifer Blair and DDA Peter Geissness. These attorneys are assigned to the CAPOS Unit (Crimes Against Peace Officers Section). The CAPOS Unit consists of seasoned Deputy D.A.s whose only job is to prosecute murders, attempted murders and any serious assaults against peace officers. The detectives and attorneys assigned to this case have contacted and interviewed approximately 100 witnesses. Both the D.A.'s office and the LAPD have committed its resources for the successful prosecution of this case.

The detectives have worked their butts off on this case preparing for the trial which has now been set to begin with the jury selection on July 12th. The

opening statements are scheduled for July 24th. For those of you that wish to attend and show your support, the case is being held in Dept. J, San Fernando. If you have questions, or need directions, you can contact Det. Jerry Stevens at either (213) 485-2129 or (213) 893-2460.

More Promotions

I first would like to congratulate new D-II Jim Martin, #25568. Jimmy is currently assigned to Robbery Spears but might be moved over to assist the depleted Bank Squad with their backlog of investigations. Next, I want to congratulate and say farewell to Teri Dixon who has been promoted to Senior Management Analyst 2. Teri will be leaving our fine division for her new assignment at the Review Panel Review Panel? I don't know either, but it sounds high profile. Anyway, good luck to both of you.

Well, that does it for this month. I hope you're all having a great summer. Oh, we have another quote from our famous Lt. Clay Farrell. Seems that someone called in a threat to Devonshire station the other day and told the desk officer that the air and water around the station were going to be poisoned. The watch commander phoned the threat in to RHD and asked our fearless leader what should they do. Being the genius that he is our lieutenant told the concerned WC, "Don't drink the water and don't breathe the air." Now that's some great advice! Until next time, BE SAFE.

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by Chris Merlo
Rampart Division

Rampart Remembers Fallen Officers

On May 13, 2000, Rampart Area had a great showing at the recent Law Enforcement Memorial Relay Race. Four different teams were fielded including two teams from detectives that finished second and fourth place,



respectively. In addition, a supervisor team unofficially finished third place and an over two-hundred-pound team unofficially finished in first place. Several officers from morning watch also ran in platoon formation.

In the one-mile fun run, Mia Lomedico, the ten-year-old daughter of Rampart Lt. Tony Lomedico, won in the ten-year-old category. She tore off the black top with a 7-minute, 22-second mile. The lieutenant tried to pace his little girl but was left in the dust immediately after the gun.

A fun time was had by all.

Rampart History

Recently, I was contacted by an old Rampart legend. Officer **Heath Haggerty**, #4591, mailed me several pictures. The picture (right) is a bar called the Roost. The Roost was a bar on the corner of Temple and Benton Way where the station is now. Vice was working undercover in the bar one night when a guy pulled a 211 in the bar. Vice stopped the robbery and the guy was killed. Another interesting fact is while the station was being constructed so much, construction material was stolen at night, so LAPD police man were used to guard the site at night. Maybe that's why the station is falling apart.

Officer Haggerty started on June 16, 1947 and retired from Rampart on June 29, 1977 as a P-2. See next month for another story.

Retired Rampart officers are encouraged to submit the experiences to **Chris Merlo**, 2710 W. Temple, L.A., CA 90026. Your experience will be passed on.



Baker to Vegas team poses with Chief Gates.



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Unsung Heroes

On May 20, 2000, Officers **Retamoza, Martinez, and Espinoza** were manning the front desk when they observed a frantic male at the front door. Officers exited the station to investigate. The male stated he observed a male victim being dragged by a vehicle W/B on Temple, POSS 211/GTA I/P. The officers entered their black and white police vehicle to investigate. The officers were further directed by another citizen to the suspect's vehicle. Officers observed the vehicle attempting to detain the suspect. The suspect rammed the police vehicle with the car in an attempt to flee. The suspect was taken into custody.

Officers are commended for their outstanding investigative skills and restraint. This is a perfect example of outstanding police work in Rampart.

Congratulations to the Franco Family!

On May 14, 2000, at 12:22, Officer **Franco** of Rampart and his wife became the proud parents of Andrew Martin Franco, 8 pounds and 6 ounces, 23 inches long. All of our wishes are with you and your family. Enjoy the time with your family.

Ins and Outs

Rampart welcomes the following people: Sgt. J. Vincent, Sgt. J. Macias, Officers S. Sun, J. Min, T. Stone, R. Villalobos, G. Subia, S. Gras, C. Leeburg, and B. Romero.

Congratulations to J. Munoz on his promotion to sergeant in West Valley. Good luck. Remember us little people.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

Happy 4th of July, 2000! As we celebrate the 224th birthday of our great nation, I wish to thank those of you who have served in this country's military forces so that we may continue to enjoy our freedom.

...And Speaking of Birthdays

I wish to acknowledge Lt. Joe Mariani and wish him a belated happy birthday. On May 13, 2000, Lt. Mariani celebrated his 45th birthday. Since he is nearing retirement age, Lt. Mariani wanted me to advise you that he has taken on a new off-duty job, which he



Joe Mariani and his new singing group.

hopes will carry him into retirement. He has just become the lead singer of "Joe and the Compadres." Please see the included photo for a preview of Joe's new group. Please patronize his group and we will keep you apprised of his gig dates. P.S., in case you're blonde, this is a joke!

Cigar Night

Another of the famous Hollenbeck Cigar Nights is being planned for Friday, July 21st. The event will be held at the San Antonio Winery, 737 Lamar St., from 1800 to 2300 hours. That's 6-11:00 p.m. for you draft dodgers. Bring your \$60 and we will let you in. For more information, you may telephone Jaime "The Happy Indian" Ramirez at (323) 526-3182 or send him a smoke signal.

Picnic

Don't forget to attend our annual picnic, sponsored by your station fund. This year's event is being held July 22nd at the Santa Fe Dam, in the city of Irwindale. For more information or to purchase tickets, please see PSR Linda Ortega in the subpoena control office.

Barbecue

In order to keep money flowing for our station fund to be able to sponsor all the various events, we need to support them. We will be having another fund-raiser barbecue at Hollenbeck Station on Wednesday, July 12th. It will again be held under the breezeway and it will feature carne asada with all its trimmings. All this is being brought to you at a "descuento" price of \$5.00. I'm sure we will see you all here. Pass the word around and let's support the Hollenbeck Station Fund.

Other Upcoming Events

The Station Fund is currently planning additional events for the near future. On Wednesday, September 20th, we will be having a Hollenbeck Reunion for all present and past Hollenbeck alumni. The event will feature a steak fry, which will be held at the Police Academy Rock Garden, scene of many wonderful memories of good times that we had there. Please advise all your retired friends and those who have transferred out. Let's get together and reminisce about old times. Sgt. George "Pelon" Spitzer, I sure hope we see you there, a reunion just wouldn't be the same without you. Also, please mark your calendars for Saturday, December 16th. That is the date that has been set aside for our holiday party, which will be held at the Westin Bonaventure. More on the Christmas galo to follow in a future article.

Retirement Announcement

A Hollenbeck legend that I know you are all familiar with has decided to pull the plug. I am sad (but happy for him) to report that Officer Michael Gendreau has retired. A long-time training officer, Mike was well respected among his peers for his training abilities and admired by his trainees. Mike is now headed off to a new life of leisure and relaxation. Mike, your Hollenbeck family wishes you the best of luck in this new chapter in your life. You will definitely be missed.

Congratulations

Congratulations go out to Cesar "El Pajarito" Ramirez on his promotion to Detective. Cesar is now a big city detective at Southwest Division. Cesar, it looks like you are going to have to start working for a living. Another officer moving up the ladder of success is Officer Joe Perez, who promoted to Training Officer and is now at Van Nuys Division. Congratulations to both of you on your accomplishments.

Welcome

A big Hollenbeck welcome back goes out to Det. Mike Sullivan, who returns to Hollenbeck after a stint at 77th Division. We also welcome Officer M. Trovatore, in from CTD and Officer K. Barraza, in from Southwest. Glad to have you all.

Goodbye

We say so long and farewell to Officer M. Aguilar, now assigned to Metropolitan Division. Officer V. Mendoza is now patrolling the streets of Foothill while Officer T. Ralph is now on the beach at Pacific Division. Last, but not least, M. Killman is now at Southwest Division. Good luck in your new assignments.



Que Paso?

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, Vince "Dr. Evil" Rodriguez. What a man!

CENTRAL

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Edited by Binnie M. Phan
Central Division

The Stuff of Life

"A man was driving home one evening, on a two-lane country road. Work in this small midwestern community was almost as slow as his beat-up Pontiac. But he never quit looking. Ever since the factory closed, he'd been unemployed, and with winter raging on, the chill had finally hit home. It was a lonely road. Not very many people had a reason to be on it, unless they were leaving. Most of his friends had already left. They had families to feed and dreams to fulfill. But he stayed on. After all, this was where he buried his mother and father. He was born here and he knew the country. He could go down this road blind and tell you what was on either side, and with his headlights not working, which came in handy.

It was starting to get dark and light snow flurries were coming down. He'd better get a move on. You know, he almost didn't see the old lady, stranded on the side of the road. But even in the dim light of day he could see she needed help. So he pulled up in front of her Mercedes and got out. His Pontiac was still sputtering when he approached her. Even with the smile on his face, she was worried. No one had stopped to help for the late hour or so. Was he going to hurt her? He didn't look safe. He looked poor and hungry.

He could see that she was frightened standing out there in the cold. He knew how she felt. It was that chill which only fear can put in you. He said, "I'm here to help you ma'am. Why don't you wait in the car where it's warm? By the way, my name is Bryan."

Well, all she had was a flat tire, but for an old lady that was bad enough. Bryan crawled under the car looking for a place to put the jack, skinning his knuckles a time or two. Soon he was able to change the tire. But he had to get dirty and his hands hurt. As he was tightening up the lug nuts, she rolled down the window and began to talk to him. She told him that she was from St. Louis and was only just passing through. She couldn't thank him enough for coming to her aid. Bryan just smiled as he closed her trunk. She asked him how much she owed him. Any amount would have been all right with her. She had already imagined all the awful things that could have happened had he not stopped. Bryan never thought twice about the money. This was not a job to him. This was helping someone in need, and God knows there were plenty who had given him a hand in the past.

He had lived his whole life that way, and it never occurred to him to act any other way.

He told her that if she really wanted to pay him back the next time she saw someone who needed help she could give that person the assistance that they needed, and Bryan added, ". . . and think of me." He waited until she started her car and drove off. It had been a cold and depressing day, but he felt good as he headed for home, disappearing into the twilight.

A few miles down the road the lady saw a small cafe and went in to grab a bite to eat and take the chill off before she made the last leg of her trip home. It was a dingy looking restaurant. Outside were two old gas pumps. The whole scene was unfamiliar to her. The cash register was like the telephone of an out-of-work actor—it didn't ring much. Her waitress came over and brought a clean towel to wipe her wet hair. She had a sweet smile, one that even being on her feet for the whole day couldn't erase. The lady noticed that the waitress was nearly eight months pregnant, but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. The old lady wondered how someone who had so little could be so giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Bryan. After the lady finished her meal and the waitress went to get change for her hundred dollar bill, the lady slipped right out the door. She was gone by the time the waitress came back. She wondered where the lady could be, then she noticed something written on the napkin under which was four \$100 bills. There were tears in her eyes when she read what the lady wrote. It said: "You don't owe me anything. I have been there too. Somebody once helped me out, the way I'm helping you. If you really want to pay me back, here is what you do. Do not let this chain of love end with you." Well, there were tables to clear, sugar bowls to fill and people to serve, but the waitress made it through another day.

That night when she got home from work and climbed into bed she was thinking about the money and what the lady had written. How could the lady have known how much she and her husband needed it? With the baby due next month it was going to be hard. She knew how worried her husband was, and as he lay sleeping next to her, she gave him a soft kiss and whispered soft and low, "Everything's gonna be all right; I love you, Bryan."

Today I share this story with you because often times we truly forget one of the many reasons why we enter the world of law enforcement. One of the most common reasons is that we simply want to help people. With all the changes occurring every day, it's quite difficult and nearly impossible to refocus our thoughts and intentions for this department. Please pass this story on. Don't cover it under the pillow. Share it with a friend. Share it with those you love and care for. And especially with those who pass by your life every day. What comes around, goes around.

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by Eugene "The Taxman" Bedolla
South Traffic Division

Greetings amigos. Spring is here and summer is just around the corner. In other words, the end of this fiscal year is close at hand. I, along with my fellow South Traffic officers, patiently await positive word on our next contract. Support your divisional League delegates and communicate to him or her what your thoughts are regarding contract negotiations and any other League matter.

Headlines

On May 13, LAPD held its annual memorial relay run and festivities. As always, the event was held to honor our fallen brother and sister officers. The focus of this year's race was the most recent fallen officer, that being **Louis Villalobos**. I wish to extend my thanks to the event organizers for their time and effort in putting on this event. It is a



day of reflection and I encourage those of you who have not participated to please partake in next year's event. Bring your family, friends and children.

South Traffic, due mostly in part to Sgt. **Orlando Green** and Officer **Mike Cummins** fielded three relay teams. Our mixed category team placed second in that category. Our 200 pound and over team placed fifth in that category. Our open category team ran their hearts out and finished with their heads held high. The mixed team was comprised of: **Terry Klaflke**, **Sandy Kim**, **Orlando Green**, **Becky Strong** and **Mike Johnson**. The 200 pound team was comprised of: **Jerome Calhoun**, **Dwayne Wilson**, **Mike Cummins**, **Eugene R. Bedolla** and **Greg Montgomery**. The open team was comprised of: **Rudy Baca**, **Victor Pacheco**, **Roy Van Duyne**, **Kenny Garner** and **Carlton Zellars**.

Some of us who ran are runners and some of us who ran are not. But what we do have in common is the commitment to our fellow officers and the support of this unique event.

Deuce Watch

What is deuce watch? For those of you unfamiliar with this term, this is the name of a group of very dedicated South Traffic Motor Officers whose primary function is to remove from the city's streets those individuals who would jeopardize the safety of all by choosing to drive a motor vehicle in an impaired state. We will never know how many DUI T/C's this group of officers

has prevented because the DUI driver was in handcuffs prior to causing death, injury and property damage. Supervising and taking care of these officers is Sgt. Roy Van Duyne. This



crew of BCMCs is made up of the following: **Gary Current**, **Dennis Diviak**, **John Dalbey**, **Kevin Scott**, **Alex Izquierdo**, **Rudy Baca**, **Mike Johnson**, **Robert Casteel** and **Ron Moy**. On average, these officers arrest 100 DUI drivers per month. Also for calendar year 1999, Officer Gary Current received credit for 127 DUI arrests and Officer Dennis Diviak received credit for 100 DUI arrests. Because of their extraordinary efforts, they were singled out by the MADD organization to receive a special commendation.

A special note: At the time of this writing, Officer Robert Casteel had just returned back to work from IOD status. Welcome back, Bob. Your cheerful and politically correct remarks at roll call have been missed.

Sports

South Traffic Division once again is currently fielding a team in the interdepartmental softball league. Coached by **Sandy Kim**, this band of ragtag ballplayers give their all each and every game. Unfortunately, at the time of this article, hoisting a championship banner will not occur this year. Assistant Coach **Mike Cummins** astutely comments that when South Traffic begins to score more runs than their opponents, the victories will come.

Outstanding Officers

Each quarter, selected officers are singled out as the officer, supervisor and detective of the quarter. This past quarter, Officer **Ray Bunker** was the Officer of the Quarter. Sgt. **Leonard**



Miller was the Supervisor of the Quarter, and Detective **Scott Sherman** was the Detective of the Quarter. Kudos and pats on the back are directed to these officers for their dedicated and conscientious efforts.

Final Thoughts

As always, don't forget your fellow officers who are sick, ill or injured. Give them a call. Finally, Motors keep the rubber side down and CI keep the light bar off the pavement.

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the Bird's Eye View

by Cole Burdette
Air Support Division

ASD Happenings

Well as I've predicted in several recent articles we've now taken delivery of our first new "air ship." We're still making a few modifications at the Van Nuys hanger but our first new AS350 B-2 is out there flying ASTRO. Within a week or so we should have number two in from Texas. I haven't had a chance to work in it yet, but I understand the new cockpit layout is very nice. Our new paint scheme . . . did I mention the cockpit layout is really nice? I guess we were thinking of having the new helicopter at our upcoming ASD picnic, July 29th, but they were afraid the paint scheme would scare the kids. No one is coping out to choosing it yet, but let's just say whoever did won't be retiring to work as a technical consultant for Martha Stewart. We are all really looking forward to bringing the new ships online to make our jobs easier and better support the troops. Thanks to everyone that worked on this important project. They look great from the inside.

We continue to work down the list of tactical flight officer candidates from our outstanding list. This DP 77th Division was gracious enough to loan us two officers. **Jeff Marcure** and **Jaime Marin** will come up to see how police work looks from the air. That is, of course, if they can guide the pilots close enough to the call to see any. (Navigation is the first test.) Well, what about that **Al Canche**? Al excelled on his one-month loan and just completed his four-month probation and earned his wings. Nice job to our newest TFO. Last DP both **Robert Harrell** from S/W and **Manuel Dickerson** from Rampart made it through the one-month loan and are both back for the four-month test. Good luck to both of you and nice job.

We just completed our Sgt. II orals and Sgt. **Anthony Demolina** from IAD

will be our next Sgt. II+3. Sgt. Demolina brings a lot of aviation experience to Air Support from his military background and is a welcome asset. Congratulations and welcome to ASD.

We would like to bid a somber farewell to Sgt. **Ken Kessner** who recently transferred to Newton Division. Sgt. Kessner spent 8-1/2 years at Air Support Division and will be remembered as a hard-working professional who cared about those under him. Thanks, Sarge, for all you did and all you tried to do. Keep in touch.

ASD Tip of the Month

The tip of the month is usually prepared to help educate or assist the troops in better utilizing Air Support to safely do their job. This month I would like to direct the tip to inside ASD. We all have the experience to know that just having a ship over a call doesn't make it effective. It's how we both do our job when we're there that makes all the difference. I would like to re-emphasize a very important point that I discussed with Sgt. Kessner at a recent training day for this month's tip. It's a given fact that we have standards in place for our protection. I don't for a second suggest we reduce or fall below those standards. It is, however, important to push ourselves in an effort to improve our skills, increase our effectiveness, and know where our limitations are. We can't get locked into a "cookie cutter" style of flying and be very effective. We are also less prepared when something goes wrong if we fly this way. Let me mention a few names from our very recent past. **Norm**, the **Larry's**, **Bobby**, the **Zano**, **Flick**, **Dennis**, Captain **Mike** and **Paul**. Every one of these fine ASTRO pilots was well respected as an aviator. They also flew very effectively as ASTRO pilots. They all pushed it just enough to improve and know where their edge was. They also remained within a safe working environment. There was never any doubt when any of these pilots were flying that the guy running was going to jail soon. We continue to have a Division of great pilots, but let's not forget those who set the example before us and how they became that way. Let's walk in their footsteps and build off their example as we move into the future. The guys on the ground deserve it.

You watch your six and we'll watch the rest. Take care.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Jeff Churchill
Newton Division

Newton's Golf for Kids

On Friday, May 26, 2000, Newton's Community Relations held their annual "Golf for Kids" golf tournament at the "Brookside Country Club" in Pasadena. Over 150 golfers hackers (*me included*), news anchors and dozens of actors showed up for



Bobby Hill's turn at the tee, with Terry Barclay grumbling again.

this charitable event. The money raised for this event will be used for providing year-round sports programs and a safe haven for boys and girls in South Central Los Angeles. This annual golf tournament has played an integral part in reducing gang violence in the inner city.

There was some stiff competition during the tournament. The foursome of **Terry Barclay**, **Bob Snedden**, **Bobby Hill** and **Hector Esparza** ran into the foursome of Retired Commander, now Chief of Ridgecrest Police Department **Bruce Hagerty**, his two sons (**Brian** of Newton and **Eric** of 77th) and one other participant (a ringer I suppose) took first place with a 10 under par to their 9 under. A local businessman, Ted Kingsley, won a 2000 Chevrolet Camaro with a hole-in-one. Mr. Kingsley was extremely generous and donated the Camaro to the Newton Explorer Post during the awards banquet. With the help of Sgt. **Al Gomez** and his Community Relations Unit and the Newton Booster Association the golf tournament was again a success. A big thank you for all of your efforts.

Commendable Cappers

On May 13th, Officers **Giargiari** and **Chavez** were in the area of 51st Street and Hooper Avenue when they observed two individuals riding their bicycles through a red tri-light. The officers detained the individuals to cite them for the violation. Officers

Giargiari and Chavez noticed that one of the violators appeared to be very nervous, so the officers performed a cursory search of the violator. A brief struggle ensued and the violator was handcuffed. They completed their search and recovered a loaded .380 semi-automatic handgun from his waistband.

Officers Giargiari and Chavez arrested the individual for 626.9(b) PC (Gun-free School Zone Act).

Job well done Giargiari and Chavez for taking a gun off the street.

Due to an ongoing commercial burglary problem in the northern portion of the division, detectives returning from court intentionally drove through the area and observed a commercial burglary in progress at 800 East 9th Street. The detectives placed the suspect under arrest and conducted a thorough burglary investigation, collecting all relevant evidence and interviewing all parties involved.

The candy manufacturing business has been in existence in the Newton Area for the past 70 years and the owner was very appreciative and grateful for the detective's efforts in apprehending the suspect. I wonder how many cavities these detectives will have at their next visit to the dentist.

Now that's a sweet FASTRAC issue. Great heads-up observations!

Congrats

I guess spring time was in the air during the month of May. Babies galore were born to Newton family members. Officer **Mike Fairchild**'s wife gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl. Officer **Kennedy Aragon**'s wife gave birth to a baby boy, Adam. Officer **Larrinua**'s wife gave birth to a girl. Officer **Nhut Huynh**'s wife gave birth to a baby boy, Christopher Micheal. And Lt. **Whittingham**'s wife just gave birth to a girl, Victoria Antoinette.

Ins and Outs

Welcome to the Newton family Detective **Scott** from 77th, Det. **Ornelas** from Harbor, Officer **Linscomb** from N/E, Officer **Marshburn** from Hollywood, and PIs **Baltazar**, **Pinell** and **Ritch** fresh from the gate.

Oh, by the way, welcome to Newton again Det. 2 **David Reyes**. There, are you happy now?

A big see ya goes to recent promotions Sgt. **Ted Morse** (congrats Ted and good luck) is off to Van Nuys, Det. **Mario Mota** (congrats for your promotion to D-I) is off to Narcotics, Det. **George Marentez** (congrats for getting the D-2 spot) is off to BAD, Officer **Chris Haggerty** (congrats for promotion to P-3) is off to Metro, Officer **Robert Jewett** (congrats for your promotion to P-3) is off to West Valley, and Officer **Nancy Dadisho** is off to Narcotics.

Just a Reminder

Don't forget the Newton reunion on Friday, October 13th, at the "Original" Academy. It's the 75th.

For more information, call Detectives **J. D. Furr** or **Kelle Baitz** at (323) 846-5363 and Detective **Roseira Moreno** at (323) 846-6524.

All R-Round Town

by Cathy Hardy
Metropolitan Division

Greetings! Happy birthday, America! Meanwhile, back at 6th-Wall, 2nd floor, room 221, here's a little 411 from 114.

Welcome Back

Welcome home to the new 10 David, Lt. **Mike Albanese**. The former 50 David has returned to fill the SWAT OIC position and now sits in the coveted big black (as in D team ebony baby!) chair in room 225. According to my D team history book, Mr. CNT and retired Lt. **Jeff Rogers** are the only two men in the history of LAPD's SWAT to have made the passage through the ranks of SWAT Officer, Sergeant and Lieutenant. Congratulations, Sir.

Incoming

Congratulations to incoming element members **Scott Davis** (B), **Donna Shoates** (G), **Mark Aguilar** (B pltn; Arturo looks like you will still be first in the Rolodex!), **John Marroquin** (G), **Hagerty, Jr.** (G pltn; Hey, Chris, just get used to it!), **Frank Galindo** (C), **James Brown** (C), **Richard Gabaldon** (G). Welcome to 114.

The Spirit of a Hero Lives On

Our fallen hero, **Louie Villalobos**, was born a true savior. As time marches on, his phenomenal anima continues to save lives. A 58-year-old computer technician, married with two grown children, now has the heart of a warrior. A 62-year-old physician, married and father of two college-age children, suffered liver failure due to hepatitis. A 37-year-old environmental services worker at the transplant hospital, father of a large family, kidney recipient. A 44-year-old male who developed kidney failure after undergoing a liver transplant. Married and father of three children, 18, 7 and a newborn. A gift to the San Diego Eye Bank will restore the vision of two people. Tissues will help heal the wounds of cancer, burn and traumatic injuries for more than 35 people. The promise of life given to so many, the ultimate display of gallantry by one extraordinary man. Nothing short of miraculous. According to the National Kidney Foundation, 13 people die each day waiting for organs to become available for transplantation. More than 65,000 Americans are cur-

rently on the national waiting list for life-saving organ transplants. Each month, nearly 2,000 new people are added to the list of patients in need of a kidney, liver, pancreas, heart or a pair of lungs. With the advancement of modern medicine, transplant surgery has become highly successful. However, the drastic shortage of organs is rapidly taking lives. Please take the time to give this incredible opportunity some consideration. This life-giving decision requires the completion of a donor card, a relatively simple process. It is also vital that you discuss your wishes with family members. Their consent is required for the donation procedure. Additional information and forms may be obtained by calling 800-355-SHARE (74273).

Get Well Soon

Timmy (Russell) I miss your annoying phone calls! For those of you who may be unaware, Timmy was involved in a very serious accident in the beginning of March, resulting in a severe back injury. Please take the time to dial him up and wish him well. Also, there are a few folks that have been away for quite a while and it is nice to stay in touch. Hello out there to **Chuck Wohlfeiler**, **Manny Argomaniz** and **Toy "Gunny" Beard**. I would also like to wish a speedy recovery to **Thatcher III**, aka **Thatcher, Jr.** (B-team), **Dain Hurst**, **Jeff Tepich**, **Tina Oleson**, **Vicky Condra** and **K9-5 Gordie Olson**.

Kennel Club News

Woof! Woof! Congratulations to new handlers in training, K9 15 **Chris Amador** (former 114 Cavalry) and K9 16 **Ed Prokop** (former C teamer) **Ed**, who is going to watch over Jesse? Back in action again is **Tonka**, partner of K9 13 **Hans Almaraz**. Tonka suffered a gastric torsion episode, a typically fatal ailment common to large breeds. He was rushed to the vet and received emergency attention that no doubt saved his life. After a short recuperation, Hans and Tonka were re-certified and are out and about again ready for all requests.

Greetings

Out of sight, but definitely not forgotten. Hello out there to **Eddie**, **Pete**, **Mark**, **Larry**, and **Nelson**.

Last, But Not Least!

Happy, happy birthday wishes to my favorite former 10 David, my favorite former plus one with a SAG card (no doubt reading this from an exotic spot on location!), Former 40A (This is your friendly Metropolitan Division, how can I help you folks today?!), Bri, 20 Girl, **Hector**, **Lou**, **Pauly**, and **Rob** (simmer down, simmer down now!).

R-10 girl, clear.

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HOLLYWOOD HAPPENINGS

by Floyd Toledo
Hollywood Division

Only in Hollywood

We of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood wish to express our appreciation to the police who serve in Hollywood. We will have a prayer watch in their honor. This group will be praying about the gang problems in the Hollywood community. Everyone is invited to pray.

In-Outs-N-Ups

As the temperatures raise over the hundred mark each day, it is time to step in the shade and look for new arrivals. Over there is newly promoted Det. **Kim Kiemer**. If she looks familiar, it is because she did a tour of duty here. Hey, there is Officer **J. Valles** in from DARE. From the Academy is P-1 **A. Bradford**. Also, secretary **S. Keshishian** is here from TSS.

As the cool weather leaves us, so does P2 **J. Marshburn** to DEV. Promoting and escaping are P-3s **M. Leon** to VNY and **P. McLaughlin** to WVAL. Promoting and staying is PR CLK POL 2 **C. Pieper**. Running away from our detectives towards IAD is our civilian of the year, SR CLK TYP N. Stamps. Good luck to you all. Be cool.

Baby Love

Officer **Stephen Perez**, who works **Watch**, is proud to announce the arrival of his newborn son, Joseph Michael Perez was born on March 24, 2000. He weighed in at 10 pounds, 1



Joseph Michael Perez.

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ounce. This makes his third child born while he has been on the Department. Joseph's mother is busy building a photo scrapbook of him already. Congratulations to the Perez family!

Sports - Baker to Vegas 2000

Once again the Hollywood Division running team shined at the recently completed Baker to Vegas relays. The running team, guided by **Jim Mateer**, finished 6th place in the mixed division. Hollywood finished in the top ten, nine



out of the last ten years. The race this year was particularly fun as we tried, without success, to catch the running team from Southeast. **Steve Showler**,

Vaudine is an invaluable asset to the Hollywood Area. She has distinguished herself as an expert in the processing of probationary police officer paperwork.



Captain of Southeast's team, was a Hollywood runner last year. A tip of the hat to Steve and the runners from Southeast.

Shown above, first photo, is the first group of runners and support personnel: Front row is **Jim Mateer**, **Joe Torres**, **Jess Beltran**, **Paul Stropkai** and **Blair Grabiak**. Back row is **Dan Gonzalez**, **Brian Fox**, **Julie Stranahan**, **Alicia James**, **Dave Woolsey**, **Angela McGee**, **Kristin Koskelin** and **Mike Downing**.

Sixteen hours later, posing in front of the Tropicana casino is **Glenn Hees**, **Tracye Fields**, **Jim Mateer**, leg 20 run-

She has participated in the area office fund-raisers, the annual Hollywood Christmas Parade, the Hollywood Halloween festivities, and many other functions.

Vaudine has shown up, without fail, three days per week for the entire last year, and has been doing so for the last 19 years that she has been a volunteer for the department. Vaudine has worked

in excess of 1,000 hours. This translates into 83 hours per month. Vaudine has a genuine interest and love for the community in which she lives, and for the Hollywood area personnel for whom she volunteers her time.

On May 19, 2000, the Office of the Mayor, Volunteer Bureau, honored her by selecting Hollywood's own Ms. Vaudine Leiberman as their outstanding Volunteer for the Year 2000.

Commendable Caper - Dets. Recovers Kidnapped Child

A successful undercover operation ended in Safford, Arizona, recently. It drew loud cheers here in Los Angeles. The story of the travels of a six-month-old baby girl began when her mother left the child with an acquaintance while she and another acquaintance went to a store. The other acquaintance and the child were not at the home when the mother returned. The mother called the Los Angeles Police and the search for the baby and the two acquaintances was on. The LAPD received a tip that the suspects were headed to Texas on a Greyhound bus. After obtaining schedules and routes, the Hollywood Detectives determined that the bus would be stopping in Safford, Arizona. Hollywood Detectives contacted the Safford Arizona Police and forwarded the suspects' descriptions and photographs.

Three Safford officers in plainclothes, posing as passengers, boarded the bus. They spotted the child and suspects in the back of the bus. They confronted the suspects and arrested them. They recovered the child without incident. They were relieved to find the baby on the bus safe and sound. Kidnapping charges are pending in California. Hollywood Detectives **Vicki Bynum** and **Denise Montgomery** arrived in Safford to interview the suspects and returned the child to her mother here in Los Angeles. A happy ending to this case was brought about by good police planning, strategy and interdepartment cooperation.

Retirement Party

Just a reminder—the retirement dinner for **Stan Cochran** has been set for August 9, 2000, at the Police Academy. For tickets see **Dean Anderson**, 213-485-4302. Make checks to the Hollywood Station Fund, \$25. ♦

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Northeast Corner

by Lauro V. Montes
Northeast Division

Northeast Detectives will have some mighty big shoes to fill with the retirement of Det.-II R. D. Gonzalez, #17300, Det.-II John Munguia, #17394, and Det.-II Mike Valenciana, #17582. Detectives Gonzalez and Munguia are combining their retirement party on Friday, July 28th (see enclosed retirement flyer). Det. Valenciana will be having his retirement party on Sunday, July 16th (see enclosed retirement flyer). All three detectives displayed professionalism, an outstanding work ethic, excellent leadership abilities, a good sense of humor and a compassion for their work. Although we are losing three of our finest detectives, we wish them well and thank them for their friendship and laughs. We also wish them about 50 years worth of retirement pension. All of your friends wish you a great retirement.

Det.-II R. D. Gonzalez entered the LAPD academy in April of 1973. He was assigned to Hollenbeck Division out of the Academy and spent the next 16 years there. After a brief three-month stint at Wilshire Division, R.D. transferred to Newton Division. Almost four years later R.D. transferred to Northeast Division where he spent the next seven years. R.D. was last assigned to the Northeast Detective Auto Table where he was an integral part of the success of the unit.

Det.-II John Munguia entered the LAPD Reserve Academy in September of 1970. He was assigned to Northeast Division upon completion of the acad-

(Rampart), to keep up the LAPD tradition that their father started.

A Job Well Done

On Tuesday, May 30th, the Rio Hondo Prep varsity baseball team in nearby Arcadia lost to Grace Brethren in the semi-final round of the CIF playoffs. Matt Heady, who is the son of



Northeast Baker to Vegas Team "2000"



my. John entered the LAPD Academy in February of 1972. He was assigned to Hollenbeck Division in July of 1972. John did not enjoy Hollenbeck very much because he only spent a little over 16 years there. John then came to Northeast Division in January of 1989. John was last assigned to the Northeast Homicide Table. Although John is retiring, he leaves us, his son, John (Hollenbeck), and his daughter, Melissa

Northeast's Kevin Heady, was Rio Hondo Prep's starting catcher. Matt was not only a team leader he was one of the team's most consistent players. Congratulations to Matt Heady, the coaching staff and all the players at Rio Hondo Prep on an outstanding season. We also wish Matt good luck as he attempts to continue his baseball career at Cal Poly Pomona. (Note: Grace

What About Wilshire?

by Stephen Nichols
Wilshire Division

Hello again, one and all. By the time this article is in print the year will be half over . . . already! Anyway, it's time to share the latest events of note, and there are several. As usual, Wilshire Patrol officers used their observation skills to make some noteworthy arrests.

In the first scenario, it was a case of "the early birds get the worm." The early birds happened to be AM Officers F. Chavez and W. Skett. The worm was a felony stupid burglar. It seems our 459 suspect had an advanced case of "catch me if you can." He was flagrantly breaking into homes in a decidedly upscale part of the division during daylight hours. He was a transient type who would scope out the houses while walking through the neighborhoods. After breaking in, he was taking small items and eating soft food, notably bananas and donuts. (There was a rumor he was an ex-cop but this was later proven to be unfounded.) As the number of burglaries escalated, the urgency to catch him increased. Finally, the officers took him into custody, after the alert duo

observed and I.D.'d him from a composite sketch. As it turns out, the worm was a parolee-at-large, and his arrest cleared at least seven D.R. numbers. A special "good job" also goes to Dets. C. Choe and K. Jackson-Williams, who worked tirelessly to coordinate the effort. And a "thank you" goes to Edison Security Co., who capably assisted with this investigation, as well as the next arrest of mention.

In this case, Officers T. Mace and J. Anava responded to a radio call which involved Edison Security and a possible trespass suspect. Upon arrival, officers met with the guard who had a subject detained in the rear yard of a residence. The trespasser had a "U-haul" truck and explained that he wanted to fill it with empty cardboard boxes from the rear of the property. However, his story started to unravel when a want/warrant check revealed a felony warrant for a narco related offense. Also, a consent search of the cab revealed a hypodermic needle, rock cocaine, methamphetamine, and a pipe. A further search uncovered numerous items which had obviously been procured illegally. After a lengthy evidence report which took hours, during which the suspect promptly bailed out, the officers put the finishing touches on a quality arrest.

All of this brings us to what can be called "The Kilo Caper." It seems that Officers G. Gutierrez and T. Carpenter heard a radio call of an ADW just outside Wilshire in Southwest Area. Since neither officer

Brethren eventually went on to capture the CIF championship.)

An Eligible Bachelor No More

Chris Martinez (formerly assigned to NE FES and now is DSD-Gangs Clear Unit), and Dena Tuttle celebrated and shared their marriage vows at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Whittier on Saturday, May 27th. Chris' brother, Paul Martinez (NE A.M. Watch) was the best man. Paul's wife, Joanne Martinez, was the maid of honor. Chris and Paul are the sons of recently retired LAPD Sergeant Joe Martinez, who was last assigned to Hollenbeck. Congratulations to both Chris & Dena on their marriage as we wish them nothing but health and happiness.

Bouncing Bundle of Joy

Congratulations to Sgt. Mark Kelly (A.M. Watch) and his wife on the birth of their son, Lucas Alexander. Lucas was born on 6/1/00 at 2201 hours and weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces. Mother, father and newborn are all doing well.

Promotions

Congratulations to P-2 Habib Munoz who promoted to P-3 in Van Nuys Division, and also to P-2 Juan Perez who promoted to P-3 in Northeast Vice. Best of luck to both of you on your new assignments.

Bienvenidos

Det. V. Emme from SE Division, Sgt. D. Gourman from Foothill Div., Officer L. Gerritsen from Rampart Div., Officer R. Aguirre from S.W. Div., Officer C. Vasquez from WVAL Div., and Rec. Officer W. Wong from Training Division.

Adios

Det. M. Zimmerman to DHD, Officer J. Marroquin to Metro Div., Officer R. Emmerson to CRS, and Officer C. Linscomb to Newton Div.

refused to be constrained by divisional boundaries, they responded post haste and detained a suspect in a vehicle. Both car and driver had been described in the comments of the call. As the investigation proceeded, the officers observed in plain view a blue backpack laying on the passenger side floorboard. Protruding from the backpack was a package sealed with gray tape. The center of the package had been punctured, and a white powder resembling cocaine had emitted from the hole. There was also a 5 inch butter knife on the right front passenger seat, which had white powder residue on the blade. Based on the officers' training and experience, they believed the package contained cocaine. A subsequent search of the backpack revealed another(!) similarly wrapped package. All told, the officers recovered two kilos of coke and almost three dozen pieces of evidence. Because of the officers' willingness to respond quickly to a call regardless of the area, their actions resulted in a sizable amount of dope as well as a probable "mule" being taken off the streets.

It should come as no surprise that Officer Gutierrez was recently promoted to P-3, as well as being named the Wilshire Division Patrol Officer of the Quarter. Congratulations to both officers on a job well done!

Well, as Porky Pig says, that's all folks. Let's take care of ourselves, our families, and our partners. Remember, we are all each other has. See you next month!



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Pacific Breeze

by Cheri Roberts
Pacific Division

Kendrick "Kalamity"

On May 23, 2000, Pacific Area Bicycle Officers **Hilda Kendrick** and **Skinner** were riding their bikes when Kendrick encountered some soft sand and the rear wheel came out from under her. During the fall, she was unable to get her foot out of the pedal strap, causing the bike to land on her left leg. The fall caused five separate fractures, just above the ankle. She was transported to Santa Monica Hospital where her leg was stabilized. She was then transported to UCLA to undergo surgery. Due to severe swelling, the surgery was put off until May 26th. The surgery consisted of the physicians placing pins in her leg, which will result in Officer Kendrick's absence for a while. We all wish her the best, and hope for a speedy recovery! Take care!

Teamwork Prevails

Officer **Kroger** and **Padilla** were working 14A27, when they received a radio call regarding a 211 that just occurred at the Dollar Mart on Venice Boulevard. Upon their arrival, they were advised that three male black men had robbed the store, as well as personnel, with a blue steel semi-automatic handgun. Officer Padilla immediately completed a crime broadcast, and the last *down direction* of travel. Simultaneously, Officer Brann from our City Police Department was conducting a traffic stop on a Lincoln Towncar for a minor traffic violation. Having heard the crime broadcast, and noting that the descriptors of the robbery suspects matched the traffic violators he was currently dealing with, he immediately requested backup. All three suspects in the vehicle were detained for a field show-up, and positively identified as the robbery suspects. Officers Padilla and Kroger did an excellent job of conducting a thorough investigation. They not only assisted in the capture of

three armed felons, they may have saved Officer Brann from serious injury, by completing a detailed crime broadcast in a timely manner. Hats off to all of you for your demonstration of how quick response and teamwork is used to keep our officers and the community we serve safe!

Unsung Hero

Recently, the city selected Pacific Area Operations Support Division Volunteer Winogene (Winnie) Fenn as an Outstanding City Volunteer for the year 2000. She was honored at a breakfast held at the Times Mirror Building,



Winnie Fenn... Pacific Area's unsung hero!

where several dignitaries presented her with a plaque. Winnie has volunteered her time to our division since 1983. Her primary assignment is to answer citizen calls at the detective desk, but she has also taken the initiative to complete paperwork filing that detectives and patrol officers often use to investigate crimes. This has saved the city thousands of hours in investigative time. Her inventive methods of filing have also resulted in hundreds of crimes being solved with information sources she organized. Winnie's dedication to the city has not been undertaken without personal sacrifice. During her 17 years of volunteer service, she has had hip replacement surgery twice, and returned to her volunteer post after both surgeries in less than four weeks. The Pacific Detective Division has come to rely on Winnie. Her dedicated service is a shining example of true commitment, and we appreciate her enthusiasm and devotion. Thanks, Winnie!

Firemen Get Burned

On May 13, 2000, the Los Angeles Police Department's Centurions beat the



Officer Donavan Beezer hits a "Heat" receiver.

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L.A. Heat (Los Angeles Fire Department) 50-0. The game, which was held at Serra High School in Gardena, was one of the best this season. The Centurions offense was on fire and unstoppable, gaining more than 400 yards in the game. The Centurions' defense was like a block wall, posting a donut against the L.A. Heat. How do you like us now?! The fire is still burning. See you in 2001. Don't forget to bring your hoses to put out the Centurions' fire next season! Beat the Heat!

Memorial Run

Congratulations to the Mixed Division Team of the Annual Police Memorial Run who took 4th place. The run was held at Dockweiler Beach, benefitting the families of slain officers. The mixed relay included: Officer Brian O'Conner, Officer Melody Hainline, Officer Eric Johnson, Officer Edward Griffin, and Sgt. Mary Kite.

New Arrivals

Congratulations goes out to Officer **Drake Madison** and his wife, Carol, who recently gave birth to a baby boy. "Chase Andrew" was born on May 1, 2000, at 9:17 p.m. He weighed in at 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Congratulations also to Specialist Reserve Officer Todd Silver and his wife, Sherry, on the birth of their baby girl, "Naomi Evelyn" born May 3, 2000, weighing in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and 20 inches long. Best wishes and good luck to all the new parents!

Movin' Up

Congratulations goes out to the following people who have recently been promoted: **Howard Mathews** who went from a P-2 to a Sergeant at DEV!! (We



What a face... can you guess who it is?

already miss ya!), Det. **Lopez** who headed to 77th, Det. **Allen** who went to VNYS, and **Heidi Llanes** who made Senior Lead Officer here at Pacific!

Movin' In

We welcome the following people who recently came to Pacific Area: Sgt. **Hale** who's in from SE, Sgt. **Nassief** who's over from VNYS, Officer **Fenel** in from DEV, Officer **Chen** in from FTHL, Officer **Ralph** in from HOBK, Officer **Gregory** over from SW, Officer **Hardy** in from TD, Officer **Koskelin** in from TRD, Officers **Angulo** and **Jones** in from WB, Officer **Clark** over from WIL, Officer **Okamoto** in to LAX from WTD, and P-1 **Fort** in from TRNG. Hope you're looking forward to a long, hot summer here at the beach!!

Movin' Out

We say goodbye to the following people who have recently left Pacific: Sgt. **Vanduyn** who went to SE, Officer **Padilla** who went to VNYS, Officers **Brunel** and **Olmos** who went to 77th, Officer **Foreman** who went to HARB, and MA2 **Laura Rangel** who headed to PC. Best wishes to you all!

More Divisional Reporter on next page

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Winning With West Traffic



by Jorge F. Torres
West Traffic Division

Congratulations to Officer Mike Toth. Mike has been selected as the Officer of the First Quarter! Mike is



Mike "The Hitman" Toth.

West Traffic's only HITS instructor. Mike is always available to assist his fellow officers when it comes to handgun tactics and weapon manipulations. Congratulations once again to a well deserving guy.

Well, the baby finally arrived! Shannon Hajji and her husband, Pierre, are the proud parents of a healthy 6 pound, 3 ounce baby boy. Nicola Antoine Hajji was born on May 11th. Momma and baby are doing well.

On April 27th, at 1540 hours, a four-party multi-vehicle fatal traffic collision occurred just south of the Sepulveda Pass. West Traffic would like to thank the numerous officers that assisted us from West Los Angeles and Valley Traffic Divisions. The investigation took over seven hours during peak rush hour.

During the last couple of months, Jahna Beard has been visiting the roll



Beverly Austin-Johnson and George McNeil.

calls in West Bureau and has provided needed training on traffic collision investigations. I know t/c's can be very confusing. If you ever have a question on one, don't hesitate to call us at West Traffic. Any of us would be more than happy to answer your questions.



Officer Bob Kim is in the "know."

All my compadres are leaving me! The most venerable Phil Okamoto is flying over to the Airport Detail. (Who am I going to harass now?) The two Tonys are leaving: Tony Hale is traveling to Central Traffic and Tony Trovato is off to South Traffic. And Sgt. Beth Vandenberg is moving over to Wilshire. Good luck!

We wish a friendly welcome to Sgt. Tudor to the WTD family. Sgt. Tudor comes to us from Wilshire.

Have a happy 4th of July! I wonder if the Russians have a 4th of July? *

Southern Tip

by Alleycat
Harbor Division

Tarnished brass would appear to have a tainted slant. Yes, it's true when it comes to the brass, Captains and above, on LAPD. I've never seen the likes of what is happening on LAPD, and within the entire department. The Chief and upper echelon tried to say in the news that the brass were responsible for all the wrongdoings that happened in Rampart. Well, I might buy that if they hadn't come out and bad-mouthed the troops. Deputy Chief Bostic, and have begun to slam all the blue suiters. I'm sorry, but the badge of the line troops is not tarnished. It starts at the top and rolls downhill. That's a novel idea—leadership starts at the top, not crap. I wonder why the troops are crappy, maybe the leadership (sic) isn't providing the line troops with the right type of leadership. The brass say to go out and treat the public and bad guys alike, nice . . . Wouldn't the brass be a bit concerned how they treat their troops, terrible? I love to hear when a captain comes to a training day and when a young officer complains, he tells the trooper, you can always go somewhere else. It used to be the rats bailed off a sinking ship, not so, the good are leaving for other agencies. I wonder why? Can someone please get through to the upper echelon or city management. The ship is sinking and all the brass can think about is their next promotion. So for you young officers who can't take more of the same harassment, bail out and try and have fun with a job that is trying enough to start with. This job is honorable and the uniform should be worn with pride and integrity. You should be able to walk anywhere in the city with pride and the confidence that the department will back you. If you have this, then stay on LAPD. If not, look elsewhere. Believe it or not, there are agencies out there that care and support their officers and even get paid a better wage. Think of your family and your personal well-being first. No one else gives a damn.

I'd like to say goodbye to Sgt. Tony Rosa, S/E Div. Tony had over 31 years with LAPD and couldn't handle the hassle anymore. He went out with his head held high and the knowledge of being a mentor to many young officers and new field sergeants. On Friday, April 28, here was a retirement party at the Harbor Range. Ed Diot did a bang-up job of emceeing the whole gig. Tony was roasted in the traditional sendoff.

S/E officers and supervisors collected over \$1,500 for Tony to put down on a new truck. By the way, Tony made sure to say goodbye to Cmdr. Betty Kelepecz.

Harbor Division had an extremely high I.O.D. and sick rate, around 20% of the division. I hope all our sick, lame and lazy get back to work as soon as possible. Sgt. Moody is on the war path and doing sick visits all over Southern California. What a company man. I would like to send by best regards and a speedy recovery to Officer Philip Clayton, who received a nasty hand injury a few months back, when he was shot by a suspect. Phil is recovering nicely and will possibly be back to work in a few months. Please drop him a line or take a minute to call him at home, it gets lonely when you're off I.O.D. for an extended period of time. By the way Phil, good job and the crook is in prison for 35 to life.

The transfer sheet is full this month, seems promotions and transfers are again loosening up and personnel are moving about, whether voluntarily or involuntarily. Two of our finest +1s are moving up the ranks—Barry Telis made D-1 and is going to the farmers market area. Barry, you should be at home in this area. Gaaron Goble made D-1 and is off for Rampart. Hope momma and the new baby can handle you being gone so far from home. Young John Tabares has been upgraded to P-3 in the new S.E.U. gang detail. I hope some day you get to work this gang unit. Sgt. Alex Kim is being thrown to the wolves, Wilshire Division. Well, Alex at least the department finally sent you to sergeant school after one year in grade as a supervisor. P-3 E. Martin is bailing out to personnel and Jeff Kishi is running for CRS. P-2 E. Barraza is headed for TRD. Then comes the personnel into Harbor Division, Sgt. M. Porter from Pacific and Sgt. B. Landsman from S.E. Div. D-1 D. Garcia from Newton Div. St. K. Davis from Metro to Harbor. There is also new P-2 blood coming in: B. Merkovsky from Cent. J. Selleck from Comm. F. Rivas from Pac. The fresh blood is only one on this transfer. J. Navarro from Training Div.

Congratulations have to go to Officers Tim Dreger for transferring departments, LASO, and Shannon Reece going to Pasadena P.D. P-3 Pat Kalschuer gave up and went into the racing industry. P-2 Tom Carter hung up the gun belt and retired for greener pastures. I did a little checking and found that Harbor Div. has lost at least a dozen officers, due to resignations in the last year. Wow, this makes me wonder what is happening throughout the rest of the department?

Keep the faith brothers and sisters, it's got to get better. That's what I've been saying for the last few years. Only time will tell if we can come out of this spiral downwards.

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77th All American Division

by Officer Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

Code 4 on This Baby Girl

Last month during the hours of morning watch, Officer Carlos Valdez, #25384, and Officer Michael Mariscal, #35457, were flagged down at Florence and Denver by Mr. Ignacio Toro and his wife, Angelisio. It did not take much to



see that there was another party about to enter the world and the officers quickly made the decision to transport the "about-to-be-mommie" to the hospital. The code three response to Centinella Hospital was changed to Daniel Freeman. Baby girl Toro no doubt could hear the siren and decided that she wanted to see what all the commotion was about thereby making Officer Mariscal

deliver her prior to arrival at the hospital. Everyone is doing fine, especially Officer Mariscal, who had no idea that completing probation at 77th would include something like childbirth!

The O.G.'s of the O.G.'s

Recently, 77th Street morning watch (busy month for A.M.s) honored two of the most senior officers here at 77th Street. Sgt. Billy Driver, #17558, and PIII Rich Coates, #20771. Both of these



men have been here since the beginning of their careers. To them, 77th Street is what they call "home"—Billy, at 27 years, and Rich follows with 25 years.

Sgt. Charlotte Smith organized a watch BBQ, comprised of ribs, chicken, corn on the cob, potato salad, and desserts. Charlotte also spoke very eloquently about the distinguished careers of these two and how much they mean to 77th Street. Like many of us, Charlotte remembered when she first started as an officer at 77th Street and relied on their expertise. And for those of us who stayed or returned after having to leave for promotional reasons, it is indeed a privilege to work with these fine two men, the heart of 77th Street. Congratulations, Sirs!



Remember the Mission

These words were often spoken by Lt. Mike Albanese, on more than one occasion. Although the lieutenant was not assigned to 77th Street for a long period of time, he still left a very positive impression. It did not take us long to learn that compromise is a good thing, but we still did things "his" way. And then there was that occasional time when he let us have our way, but not often enough. Well, on his last day at 77th Street, we tried to get out of inspection. We bribed him with a homemade cake and presents, but the lieutenant would not budge.

There would be inspection on his very last day with us. Lt. Mike believes in an impeccable uniform appearance, all the way down to the boots. So for his last inspection with us, we as a watch made a team command decision and left our boots in our lockers. Tennis

shoes, sandals, etc. were the dress shoe of the day. The lieutenant was a good sport about it.

And after more cake we could send the lieutenant back to where he is the happiest—SWAT! Good luck, Sir. It was a pleasure and an honor!

Land of the Free and Faith

Did you know that the highest form of respect for the Navajo is to call someone "grandfather?" In fact, that's how they address God. The peace your grandfathers wanted for you was not peace with them, but with God. It is not faith in them that survives from generation to generation. It is the faith in God that lives here, and now, and it is yours to grasp.

God bless you all on this 4th of July, 2000 . . . your brothers and sisters at 77th Street Division, "The All American Division."

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SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow
LAPRAAC Sports Editor

July is one of a handful of months where we come down with a bad case of the "twins." There's a bunch of stuff that went on last month but unfortunately falls in between our printing deadlines.

The Red Davis Tournament for the LAPD Slo-Pitch Championship is a prime example. The double-elimination tournament was held June 13-14 at Hjelte Park in Sepulveda Basin, but it falls 'tween our June 5th deadline and the publication date of this issue of "The Thin Blue Line." Same holds true for the first Bench Press Contest of the new millennium (held on June 9) and the California Fire and Police Games that were held at the end of the month in Ontario.

While we'd love to give you the skinny on who won what, it'll just have to wait until next month's issue. If you just can't wait, some updated information can be found by calling the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800 and by logging onto the CFPG Web site at www.pafg2000.org.

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Next to Last Call for Flag Footballers

Autumn will soon be upon us and the deadline is nearing for the final "yea" or "nay" on having a Y2K Flag Football season. Divisions interested in fielding a team this year (or individuals looking for a team on which to compete) should contact Agnes in the LAPD Athletic Office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219.

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Kids out of school? Relatives in town? Looking to head to one of our fine Southland attractions for some R&R? It's a shame to pay full price when discount tickets for nearly all local attractions are available at the LAPRAAC Academy Stores in Elysian Park and Westchester. Why put the money into Disney's and Time Warner's pockets when it can stay in your wallet where it belongs! For infor-

mation on ticket availability and limited time specials, call the LAPRAAC Office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 203.

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Discount Dodger Tickets Available

A limited supply of discount Dodger tickets is available at the LAPRAAC Administrative Office. Tickets must be purchased 10 days prior to game date and are sold on a first come, first served basis. Seats are in the inner reserved level and cost is \$15. Game time is 7:10 p.m. unless otherwise noted. For more information, contact the LAPRAAC Office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 203.

Games through the end of the season are:

JULY - Fri: 7/14 Anaheim Angels; Tues. 7/18 Pittsburgh Pirates; Fri. 7/21, Sat. 7/22 (TBA) and Sun 7/23 (5:10 p.m.) San Francisco Giants;

AUGUST - Fri. 8/4, Sat. 8/5 (TBA) and Sun. 8/6 (5:10 p.m.) Milwaukee Brewers; Mon. thru Wed. 8/7-9 Chicago Cubs; Fri. 8/18, Sat. and Sun 8/19-20 (TBA) New York Mets; Thurs. 8/24 (1:10 p.m.) Montreal Expos;

SEPTEMBER - Fri. 9/2 (TBA) and Sat. 9/3 (6:10 p.m.) Philadelphia Phillies; Mon. 9/4 (5:10 p.m.) Pittsburgh Pirates; Sun. 9/17 (1:10 p.m.) Colorado Rockies; Mon. thru Wed. 9/17-19 Arizona Diamondbacks; Sat. 9/23 (TBA) and Sun. 9/24 (1:10 p.m.) San Diego Padres.

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Wilshire Wins May Golf Tourney; Next Event Scheduled For July 21

Wilshire Division's Duffers cut 15 strokes off their previous outing to handily win the LAPRAAC tournament held Friday, May 19, at Alondra Golf Course in Lawndale. The Midtowners switched spots with Devonshire, which won the March tournament.

Devonshire's Pat Russell took home the prize for Low Gross and shared Closest to Pin honors with CED's Jeanne Schwab. Joe Preciado (Northeast) sported the day's let net score with Schwab on the distaff side with the high gross. Longest drives of the day were shared by Perry Barnes and Gabe Rodriguez.

Late registration is still available for next tournament in the bi-monthly series, set for Friday, July 21, at the Whittier Narrows Golf Course in Rosemead. Fee for the day-long event is \$45 per golfer and includes green and cart fees and prizes for high net and gross, low gross, closest to the pin and longest drive. Duffers can participate individually or (if they have established handicaps) in four-person teams repre-

senting their division or unit. Competition is open to all sworn personnel and full-time civilian employees.

Anyone interested in participating in the July tournaments should contact Jeanne Schwab, Athletic Secretary. It is not required fees be paid at the time of the phone call, but it is necessary to get your reservations as soon as possible so that proper arrangements can be made with the golf course. To reach her before July 15, leave a message at (818) 980-3195; on or after that date call her at the LAPRAAC Athletic Office (323) 221-5222, ext. 218).

For more information on the LAPRAAC golf program, contact Golf Club Chairman Sal Jaramillo (WTD) at 310-870-1422.

MAY GOLF TOURNEY TEAM RESULTS

Team	Net Score
Wilshire	285
Devonshire	299
Northeast	303
West Traffic	311

2000 LAPRAAC GOLF CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, July 21, 1000 hours - Whittier Narrows Golf Course, Whittier

Friday, Sept. 15, 1100 hours - Knollwood Golf Course, Granada Hills

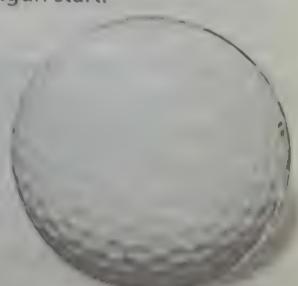
Thursday, Nov. 9, 1000 hours - California Country Club, Whittier

Fee for all tournaments is \$45 per golfer except for the last one of the year. The November 9 event at California Country Club is \$80, includes a special post-tournament luncheon, and will have a shotgun start.

All tournament fees include green and cart fees and prizes.

Participants are reminded no food is allowed on the courses unless purchased from authorized vendors at that particular venue.

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What's Trap and Skeet Have To Do With Police Work?

by Jimmy L. Trahan

OK, so you carry that shotgun in the patrol car day after day and occasionally you find the need to take it out of the rack and jack one into the chamber. You feel that you can probably hit anything with that nice big pellet pattern since you've qualified with it twice a year. Now step back and ask yourself an honest question. Am I really that confident with this tool that I shoot less than a box of shells with per year?

The answer to increased proficiency is practice, practice, and more practice! And the best way to ensure that your confidence level will be at an optimum level with that popgun is to give trap and skeet shooting a try. After a few rounds of learning leads and follow through, your ability to hit the target "accurately" will increase tenfold. You'll be amazed how much better you will feel blasting those clay birds to bits shot after shot. You gain the confidence of knowing that in any tactical situation what you aim at is what you can hit.

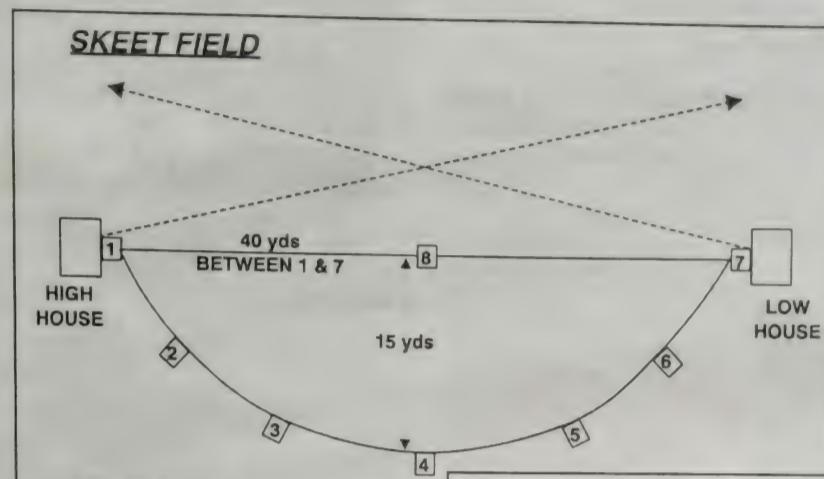
The next obvious question from those uninformed, misinformed, and uniformed cops is, "What's trap & skeet?" Well, let's start off with a blow-by-blow description of trap shooting to wet your appetite.

In regular trap, there are five shooting positions located 16 yards to the rear of the bunker. The machine which throws those nasty little clay birds is hidden from the shooter and is constantly oscillating from side to side. The "bird" is about 4 inches in diameter and 1 inch in height and shaped like a saucer with a hollow belly. When spun at 50-60 mph it flies like a Frisbee and becomes a real challenge to hit, especially if the wind is blowing.

A team consists of five shooters and each person shoots in sequence at five birds at each station. Everyone then rotates to the right to the next position for a total of 25 shots. Each shooter calls for the bird by yelling "pull" to the puller (also the score keeper), who's patiently standing behind you with his hand on the button. The bird is released away from you at an unknown angle and you have about two seconds to hit it before it strikes the ground. The average distance the bird is shot at is about 35 yards and requires only a minimum of two or three pellets to chip and break the target which is scored as "dead."

In trap, only the 12 ga is regularly used with a 28-24 inch barrel and choked modified or full because of the distance to the target. Target ammo consists of one-to-one 1/8 ounce of number 7-1/2 or 8 shot which equates to about 350 to 450 pellets speeding at that clay bird in a three to four feet

diameter pattern. If you need only two or three pellets to break it, how can you miss? Keep in mind that relatively 1 inch thin clay bird is traveling between 75 and 85 feet per second and your pellet pattern has to be timed to intersect that bird's path at the precise time. It can be challenging and you only get one shot at each bird.



In addition to regular trap, there is also a "handicap" event. The five shooting positions at 16 yards are marked off in one yard increments to as far back as 27 yards from the bunker. This begins to get real challenging as the angles increase and the bird becomes smaller in viewing size. In typical police competition, the handicap event is normally shot at 21 yards.

Finally, the real fun begins in doubles trap. Now, shooters on the 16 yard line get to shoot at two clay birds thrown simultaneously at predetermined positions. The action speeds up and quick reflexes are essential in nailing both birds before they hit the ground. This is the only trap event in which (50) shots are required to complete a round. All competition scoring is based on the number of "dead" birds out of 100 rounds in each trap event.

Skeet shooting is quite different than trap because the birds are coming out of two different locations and the shooters move around to various widely spaced stations on the field. There are eight stations in a semicircle with a high house on the left (10 feet above the ground) and a low house on the right (3 feet above the ground). Each competitor shoots one shot at a single bird at each station from the high and low house. At stations 1, 2, 6, and 7, doubles are also thrown. That means both birds are thrown simultaneously from both houses and the shooter gets one shot at each of them. That totals 24 shots, and the 25th shot is called the option. You shoot your option at the first bird you miss or if you're "clean," the low house station 8.

Unlike trap, skeet targets are normally shot at close ranges of 20 yards

or less with #9 pellets most commonly being used. Therefore, barrels are shorter (26-28 inches) and the chokes are open to get a large pattern very quickly. Although the 12 ga is typically used, skeet is also shot with the 20 and 28 ga as well as the 410 bore. Police riot guns are excellent for skeet shooting.

moving at 60 mph! That's true, but can you even imagine what kind of proficiency you would exhibit in the field if you already knew you could hit those small and fast moving trap and skeet targets.

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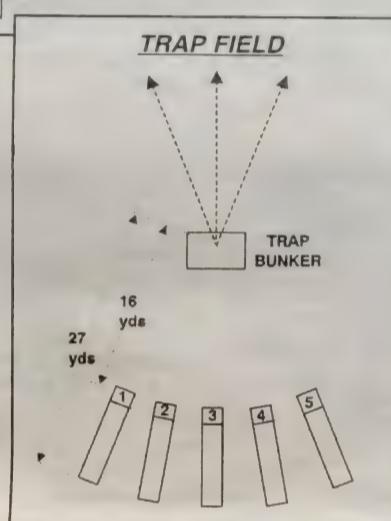
You will learn how to concentrate on your target and know when you're ready to fire.

You will understand the limits of the shotgun and you will learn your limitations with it.

Your skills will be honed to such an instinctive nature, that when you shoulder the shotgun it will become an extension of you. You will have established in your mind the confidence needed to utilize the tool to its greatest potential.

Well, how do you get started learning these techniques? The answer is right in your back yard: the LAPD Trap & Skeet Team. The Club has been around for the past 30 years and has been continually supported by LAPRAAC. We have our monthly Saturday practice shoots at the Triple-B Shooting Range (formerly Pachmayr) in El Monte and all guys and gals whether active, retired, or in the reserves are welcome. We regularly compete in local and out-of-state games and events, so join the winning team.

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SPORTS BEAT

Metro Wins Y2K Memorial Relay

by Lew Snow
LAPRAAC Sports Beat Editor

Metro's runners extended their winning streak into the new millennium by winning the 22nd Annual Memorial Run and Relay, held May 13 at Dockweiler Beach in Playa del Rey.

Sponsored by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club, the Memorial Run recognizes officers who sacrificed their lives to protect the citizens of Los Angeles. Started in the late '70s by then-Athletic Director Bob Burke, nearly one thousand runners took to the beach on a hazy Saturday morning to honor the memory of Metro Officer Louis Villalobos, who lost his life in a tragic training accident just weeks prior to the race.

While they dominated last year's event, this year saw Metro win only the Open and Senior categories, with the runners-up in the Open Division separated by less than 45 seconds. Rounding out the top five were two Hollenbeck teams and two Harbor teams.



Transit Group took its first victory ever in the Mixed Division, well ahead of bridesmaid South Traffic. It was a battle of the Southies in the Female Division, with Southeast topping its sisters from Southwest by eight minutes.

Metro SWAT captured the Senior Division with the second best overall time of the race while the ATD Veteranos won the Masters Division in the closest finish of the day, only 66 seconds ahead of Southwest. Robbery Homicide took the Golden Masters Division by default (the only team entered) and Rampart won the Heavyweight Division by three minutes over West L.A.

Management Services was victorious in the Supervisors Division with West L.A. taking a second win by capturing the Detective Division. Of two Communications teams entered in the Invitational Division, the Code 3 Hot Shots came out on top.

Fastest runner of the day in the Individual 5K was Wilshire's Adam Loo with a remarkable 16:20 finish. Carlos Galdamez and Daniel Hodges also broke the 17 minute mark and a total of 19 runners crossed the line in under 20 minutes, including two runners over the age of 50!

Retiree Thurston Bechtel was the only runner to repeat last year's success, marking the fourth consecutive year he has won his category (97-98 in the age 40-49 group and 99-00 in the age 50-59 group).

Following the 5K and prior to the 25K the traditional memorial ceremony (emceed by LAPRAAC President Mike Sayre) was held to honor Villalobos and over two hundred others who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Included



portion of the proceeds from the race was donated by LAPRAAC to the Family Support Group, which provides aid to the families of officers injured or killed in the line of duty.

Coordinating this year's event were Air Support's Jack Brandt and Athletic Department Secretary Jeannie Schwab. Thanks go to the Los Angeles Police Protective League, the Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union

and to long-time LAPD supporter Kenny Taniguchi for coordinating the donation of a Kenwood stereo system and a mountain bike for the after-race drawing.

Memorial Relay Perpetual Participation Trophy Winners

1987-2000

2000	Metro	1993	Metro
1999	Metro	1992	Rampart
1998	Metro	1991	Rampart
1997	Metro	1990	Metro
1996	Foothill	1989	Metro
1995	Metro	1988	Hollenbeck
1994	Metro	1987	Metro

2000 Memorial Run and Relay Results

Individual 5K (age category in parenthesis)

- M (12-under) - 1. Keenan Walker (21:02), 2. Vincent Caudillo, 3. James Irvin
- F (12-under) - 1. Kaylan Lane (24:01)
- M (13-15) - 1. Rudy Maravilla (19:41), 2. Javier Martinez, 3. Jeff Leach
- M (16-17) - 1. Adam Pomeroy (18:00), 2. Justin Freyermuth, 3. Keith Parra
- M (18-20) - 1. Juan Caudilla, Jr. (18:21), 2. Andrew Vestey
- M (21-29) - 1. Adam Loo (16:20), 2. Daniel Hodges, 3. Jose Delgado
- F (21-29) - 1. Jessamyn Morales (20:57), 2. Marlice Bert, 3. Stacy Cameron
- M (30-39) - 1. Carlos Galdamez (16:39), 2. Roger Cuevas; 3. Mike Bert
- F (30-39) - 1. Luz Caballero (18:38), 2. Vickie Reade, 3. Mirza Gallardo
- M (40-49) - 1. James Stepan (17:19), 2. John Frankman, 3. Jay Krech
- F (40-49) - 1. Sandra Carlisle (23:39), 2. Barbara Wampler, 3. Karen Blackwell
- M (50-59) - 1. Thurston Bechtel (18:04), 2. Ray Crawford, 3. Bruce Hoover
- F (50-59) - 1. Pam Pomeroy (29:03)
- M (60+) - 1. Dale Sprinkle (23:24), 2. Keith Allen, 3. Marcello Hernando

25K RELAY

OPEN - 1. Metro Mounted (1:32:02), 2. Hollenbeck (1:44:46), 3. Harbor Sharks (1:45:27), 4. Harbor (1:45:30), 5. Hollenbeck Fab Five (1:48:19)

MIXED - 1. TRD #2 (1:38:37), 2. South Traffic (1:44:15), 3. Van Nuys (1:47:56), 4. Pacific (1:48:02), 5. Central #1 (1:49:13)

FEMALES - 1. Southeast (1:51:00), 2. Southwest (1:59:13), 3. West L.A. (2:00:08), 4. Newton (2:06:31), 5. Devonshire (2:08:10)

SENIORS (40+) - 1. Metro SWAT (1:36:50), 2. Hollenbeck (1:50:16)

MASTERS (total 200+ yrs) - 1. ATD Veteranos (1:54:05), 2. Southwest (1:55:11), 3. RHD King Cobras (2:01:12)

GOLDEN MASTERS (total 225+ yrs) - 1. Robbery Homicide (2:09:43)

HEAVYWEIGHT (200+ lbs) - 1. Rampart Clydesdales (1:52:38), 2. West L.A. (1:55:37), 3. Clydesdales (2:04:28), 4. Newton (2:09:10), 5. South Traffic (2:10:39)

SUPERVISORS - 1. MSD/ICS (1:56:06), 2. Harbor (2:01:30), 3. Rampart (2:04:06), 4. DARE (2:05:08), 5. Transit (2:18:34)

DETECTIVES - 1. WLA OCS (1:54:59), 2. Foothill Double A's (1:56:29), 3. 77th Power Pigs (2:01:46), 4. Rampart (2:06:10)

INVITATIONAL (civilians) - 1. Communications Hot Shots (1:55:56), 2. Communications (2:17:47)

RETIREMENT NEWS

The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker

You can't have any kind of a race without a winner, so a big round of applause to the CHP-Statewide Team who won the Baker-Vegas roses with a convincing 13:01:16. Our team, perhaps, may want to explore the possibility of changing our name to Old Blue-Statewide. After all, **Daryll Dement** came in from Hawaii, **John Marnel**



L-R: Bob Espinosa, Jay Hernando, John Marnell, Chief Gates, Bob Bloomer, and Rudy DeLeon.

from Arizona, **Dale Sprinkle** from Fresno (he moved from teeming downtown Toll House, California), **Bob Rogers** from Washington, **Vic Romero** from Carlsbad, **Bob Bloomer** from Utah, **Pete LaMaestra** from Idaho and a couple of homies from Las Vegas, **Ray Romero** and the famous **Mario Mascolo**. So, I ask you, are we statewide or what? I don't think that changing our name will cut any minutes off of our elapsed racing time but it sure would give us a sort of intriguing recruitment allure. "Hey, wanna be on our team? We're OLD BLUE . . . STATEWIDE!" Wow, I'm impressed. And not to take any of the moment away from our brother officers, we, the

my old partner **Jack Breslin**. Jack and I worked the support van for the middle third of the B-V race. Both of us worked with Dale at Newton Vice and Patrol about 24-30 years ago and have sorta, kinda kept in touch, more or less through the years. Dale and Ann approached us the day before the race and told us that they were going to tie the knot and inquired if we would be available to be the best men, plural, for the event which was scheduled for Monday morning. Because of previous commitments, Monday morning wedding bells would have to chime around 6:00 or 7:00 a.m. That didn't quite work timewise, so after due diligence it was agreed that 8:00 p.m. on Sunday

was more of a sort of civilized time to begin a two-person, team race composed of qualified winners who were determined in winning all of the challenges while sharing and enjoying the race to its final finish line.

And now, the other winners, who also won the roses. As promised last month, we said we would bring you up to speed with info from two eyeball wits re: the wedding of leg number 4, Old Blue runner Dale Sprinkle and his gorgeous red-headed girlfriend, Ann Kelley. Wit 1 is yours truly and wit 2 is

photo, and in his best "R-10-Boy" voice he took charge, wishing the new-



L-R: Jack Breslin, the winning couple—Dale and Ann Sprinkle, and Neil Parker

lyweds the very best. Ditto from all your OLD BLUE teammates. God bless you, Ann and Dale, and may you win all of life's contests.

And to all of the sharp-eyed readers who noticed that I inadvertently cut an hour off of our overall time in the B-V race, I have to cop out to the error. Our time was 16:39:54 and not 15:39:54 as I erroneously reported. C-U next month with the winners from the Police Memorial Run at Dockweiler Beach. *

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RETIREMENT NEWS

The Central Coast "Fuzz That Wuzz"

by Dave Aikins

A big hello to all of you from the midway point between the home of the Dodgers and the Giants. The beginning of summer on the Central Coast has been awesome. From Cambria in the North County to Santa Maria, bordering on South County, summer is alive and well. From strawberry festivals to rodeos to classic car shows, the Central Coast has a lot to offer in the way of diverse activities. I always say, "If you are bored up here, something is wrong!"

Our Fuzz Group got together for our annual picnic on June 15th at the Atascadero Lake Pavilion, but due to article deadlines I'll pick up on that event next time.

Last May was a sad month for our Fuzz Group as we lost one of our loyal members. **Joe Ramey** passed away on May 7th after being diagnosed with cancer. He leaves his wife Jean, six children, seven grandchildren and many friends. Joe entered the Los Angeles Police Academy in October, 1955, and retired in January, 1981 after 26 years of service. I personally remember Joe when he was assigned to the legendary freeway traffic cars out of WLA Division and I was just a rookie. Joe was an impressive individual to be around and always took care of business on those dangerous freeways. I have clear memories of Ramey performing meticulous safety checks on his high

performance Olds Freeway Cruiser, which included tightening the lug bolts, checking tire pressure and scrutinizing the undercarriage of the vehicle. He was always very thorough and it was something that stuck in my mind, much later in my career, when I was conducting pre-flights on police helicopters at ASD. That lesson was that one couldn't be too careful when it comes to safety. Joe went on to become a Detective II, eventually retiring out of Robbery Homicide Division. What a lot of people didn't realize was that Joe also had a 41-year military career during and after his police service at LAPD. While on the force he served as a member of the Army Reserve and upon retirement in 1981 served full time as a master sergeant. His specialty was in military administration and armor, until his full retirement in 1992. Joe and Jean subsequently moved to Los Osos on the Central Coast where Ramey enjoyed hunting, collecting rifles and attending our Fuzz functions. On May 11th, an impressive, full military service, with honor guard, was held for Joe Ramey at the beautiful Los Osos Memorial Park, attended by numerous military personnel as well as Fuzz members, who paid their respects to Joe and his family. Our condolences go out to his loving wife, Jean, and family members. We will miss him.

Out of our respect for Joe Ramey, the remainder of the column will remain silent.

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on July 19, 2000, at "The LAMPLIGHTER" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. in the room adjacent to the bar lounge. There is no set start time, so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 a.m. with meal orders taken after 11:00 a.m.

We had 27 at the May 17 luncheon. There were no new attendees. The following at the lunch reminiscing the old days were **John Becker** (5059), **Ray Blackwell** (6318), **Jim Davis** (14365), **Ted Debs** (6808), **Emmett Drennen** (3279), **Ed Elliott** (4703), **Ray Elmer** (5607), **Don Erath** (5244), **Clinton Erickson** (5608), **Bill Fedderson** (4823), **Bob Fritz** (4583), **Robert Gibson** (4585), **Mel Harner** (4501), **Glen Kailey** (3503), **Harold Latham** (3503), **Tom Lindholm** (4734), **Boris Meneghelli** (3522), **Herbert** (Pinky) **Meredith** (3664), **Paul Nicholas** (4047), **Ray Palaszewski** (6934), **Ben Reineke** (3190), **Dale Rickards** (3593), **Cliff Shannon** (2370), **Stuart Stremsterfer** (4394), **Earl Wells**

(6297), **Bill Windham** (7667), and **Richard Young** (10585).

Jim Dougherty had been here visiting and on business during the later part of April and early May. He was not able to modify his schedule and missed both the April and May lunches at the Lamplighters. He was able to attend the annual Retired Fire & Police meeting and BBQ at Grace Simmons Lodge, May 3rd. Jim has set up a Web site which is <http://www.home.cdh.net/~trapstar/> and e-mail is trapstar@cdh.net.

One of my neighbors is a member of the present LAPD band which currently is composed of volunteer musicians and he has informed me the band will be playing at the Ronald Reagan Library July 4th celebration. I hope this will arrive at your homes in time so any of the old band members may attend the festivities.

Our meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at the Lamplighters.

Retirement Corner

July, 2000

Rank/Name/Serial No./Last Assigned To.....	#Years
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SGT-I Glen "Bud" O'Lea 14480 Personnel	31
D-II Gerald E. Alford 15423 77th.....	30
LT-II Ken Lady 15656 OCVD	30
D-II Arthur G. Pelt 15790 Rampart.....	30
D-III Kent A. Norman 15856 ATD	30
D-II Louis A. Loya 16052 Northeast.....	29
LT-I John C. Waters 16240 OCVD	29
D-III John W. Toland 16464 BAD	29
D-II Robert L. Hansen 16501 BFD.....	29
P-II Randall W. Stewart 16932 OVB	28
D-II Robert D. Gonzalez 17300 Northeast.....	28
D-II John Munguia 17394 Northeast	28
D-II Jerry M. Rowe 17524 Northeast	28
D-III Miguel Valenciana 17582 Northeast.....	28
D-III Barry R. Matthews 17658 Northeast	28
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SABLA: Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

by Bernie Remas

America's Birthday

It's time to celebrate another birthday of America!! It's the 4th of July again, and by the time you read this hopefully you will have celebrated the birthday of the greatest country in the whole wide world! Happy birthday, America!

We here at SABLAland hope that you've made plans to do some traveling this summer. Or what ever "turns you on"! There is a lot of beautiful country out there. Foreign travel can be a little pricy, but if you shop around you can find many choices that are reasonable. So get out and look for something special. It'll do you a lot of good!

SABLA's May luncheon found our Hoy Key off on a cruise to some exotic foreign land! Actually it was a combo trip to Turkey and Greece with a cruise in between. Istanbul, cruise and then Athens and like that. Now that's an exotic trip, right?

The May luncheon was a "breakaway" for us to the "Friends" restaurant in Rancho Cordova. We're looking at alternate places to meet and greet. We've been at the Palomino for many years and some thought a change would be good. Well, "Friends" was good. What made it especially good was we had our own private room, and we could order anything off the luncheon menu! The food was good, and although slow this time, promises of quicker service were made by the manager. All our guys and gals were seated—four to a table. That made us all mix it up with somebody that maybe we haven't sat with before. That was the good part.

So it's back to the Palomino this month on July 13th, the second Thursday. Then we'll make a decision according to **Justin Dyer**, the Prez, if we're going to make a move or not. So mark that date so you can be there and be part of the decision making! OK?

I saw **Gene DeCrona** and **Ted Marion** sitting together. A great pair.

Both look like they could do another 20! Really!

Ted told me that his wife, Ann, had back surgery in January, 2000. They traveled to their place in the Palm Springs area, giving Ann time to recover. Complications arose and six weeks later they had to return to SABLAland. Prayers go to you, Ann.

I got to sit with three guys who are still working—beyond LAPD retirement! Maybe they let me sit with them 'cause they forgot I had retired! **Mike Brandt** just in from L.A. Mike is with HealthNet Medical security. **Norm Roberge** is doing security with AM/PM, and **Ed Lewandowski** is doing the same for the California Lottery. I got "caught up" on all the working news from those three!

Along with **Hal White** from Sun City Roseville was **Chuck Blogin**, **Lew Ritter** and recovering and "lookin' good" was **Hank Seret**. Good to see you, Hank!

Another back surgery was done on Hal White in April. I said—How'd it go? Hal answered with a big smile and said, "Can you believe it? No pain! And he was actually standing up straight! Congratulations, Hal! Continued good health, my friend.

I know June 1, 2000, has already passed, but three SABLA members were in LAPDerland for a big party at the Academy! **Chuck Ward**, **Ken Carlsted** and **Bill McMonagle** were in the Academy on that date in 1950, to begin classes as policemen in the greatest—LAPD! Class reunion. Fifty years!! Are retired LAPDers survivors? You betcha! I'll bet THAT was some reunion!

I'm sure **Muriel McMonagle** was there too. She's always with Bill! We saw her at the May luncheon and she looked great! Only natural that she would go to Bill's 50th Academy reunion!

The "Spring Fling" was held on Saturday, June 3, 2000. The event was held inside the portals of Greenstone, a private gated community just west of

Placerville. We had a good crowd for a day in the sun.

"Back 40 BBQ & Catering" have won all kinds of awards for their BBQ food and trimmings. They won another award with us. The food was great. The company better! More stories about this one in next month's *Blue Line* issue.

Former Commander **John Powers** continues to furnish us with accounts from his UN-published book. Not being a SABLA member, again you fail to receive Hoy Key's SABLA newsletter. Excerpts of John's account of the '40s through the '70s are being reprinted in the newsletter, and you're missing some "good stuff"! Two Gun John gave me another envelope to pass along to Hoy. So those of us that are SABLA members will be reading more detailed accounts—real stories with real names and places.

Check Hoy Key's newsletter for specifics. If you're not a SABLA member, and you don't get the newsletter, then you're left-out! Sorry. You can always join. Contact Hoy at (916) 771-9206.

And while we're on the issue of dues, et al, it's time for all you regulars to come up with your dues for the new year which just began July 1st! Just \$15 a year puts you in for the whole year! You couldn't join a "more better" organization—for just a little over \$1 a month. C'mon. Join us!

If you were at the May luncheon you saw **Art VanCourt**—looking terrific! Also at another table were **A. J. Miles**, **Nate Iannone**, **Ray Lauritzen** and

John Powers—or was it **George Puddy**? That table got crowded.

Bob Sharrett sitting with **Chuck Crawford** gave us an account of the new 77th Street Division Station, especially the Detective Bureau Section. Bob says it's changed—a lot! When Bob worked there he was on one table with three other detectives, two phones for all four—you had to share, and lots and lots of noise for everybody. Now it's individual PCs, your own cubicle, and even your own filing cabinet. Can you believe??

Bob Totans and Mary were in for lunch on their way to Reno again! They'll "own" that town pretty soon!

The illustrious **Bob Keel** and our Prez **Justin Dyer** did some reminiscing for

the rest of us, about the "Black Panther" conflict that they both worked on back in '69. Seems as tho' they heard that one of the more popular BP members, "Geronimo" Pratt, did 25 years in prison.

But now has a new lawsuit coming up. Do people like this ever just go away?

We saw **Dennis McDonald** who's rarely absent, and **Bill Wilhelm**. We also saw Bill and wife Ruby "partying" at the Sacramento Jazz Society's Memorial Day Jazz Jubilee at—of all places—the Beer Garden at Cal Expo! They were being good. T'was early in the AM! You know. Like 1000 hours!

Jim Byrd was with **Ron Kiser**. Both were in from the Sonoma Wine Country. September is fast approaching. Put down Saturday, September 23, 2000. I bet you've already guessed that Ron & Marilyn Kiser have selected the Valley of the Moon Festival weekend for their LAPD Wine Country BBQ! Right? Right!

For those of you that have been there in the past you know what a great weekend this is, with the Patron's Wine tasting on Friday eve, and then the BBQ at Kiser's place on Saturday. The historical "Italia" truck will take you on a hayride and wine tasting in the vineyard—there'll be a horseshoe tournament run again by **Tom & Sharon Purington**—if Tom is back from Kosovo. Also the wine bottle salami toss, and more. There will be a choice of range chicken, or Harris Ranch New York steak with all the trimmings. And ALL the beer and wine you can handle, AND mix with finest group of LAPD men and women anywhere! It's truly a great day. If you've been in the past, come back. And if you haven't been there, you missed something awesome!

Call Ron or Marilyn at (707) 938-4937. Bringing an RV for parking? They need to know! Chicken or steak? They need to know! Tickets for the Friday night wine tasting? They need to know! Please call them ASAP!

And, of course, we'll still be telling everyone about all of you LAPDers that visit us from all over the U.S.A. from time to time. And where our SABLA people are coming or going. Don't forget our SABLA mailbox: P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353. Write to us. Your letter will be read to all!

Be good to each other out there. We need and love each and every one of you.

More Retirement News on next page

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RETIREMENT NEWS

Inland Blueline

by Loyd Yandle

They say "time goes by, when you're having fun." Well I got news for the person who said that. Time goes by even when you're not having fun and when you get my age time goes by twice as fast. Seems like only last week we were waiting for the new millennium to arrive. Now here it is already July. Oh well! You can't fight it, can't stop it or even slow it down, so you just have to live it one day at a time. I wake every morning at 5:00 a.m. Look into the mirror and say "You sexy, handsome devil, you made it through the night" and then I turned around and walked into a wall. I knew I should never lie to a mirror. You can't fool mother nature.

Don't have much to tell you about any of the members. They don't confide in me. They are afraid I'll blab it all over the department. Well, they got that right. I'm like Dear Abby.

I have not heard from anyone who is in touch with Chief Gates. Did so (after 18 years) want to get him to come and meet all the old timers before they all get fat, lose all their hair can't see and get grouchy. I'm not saying if all of you would fit in that category, but I'm just being honest. It could happen. Chief, we have a great bunch of guys. You would have a great time. The last time most of our members saw you was at the rally in your honor and backing, at the police academy.

I got to attend the Central Division picnic on May 20th and I'm truly glad I went. I saw lots of friends that I have not seen in 30 to 40 years. Seventeen was a bigger crowd than I had expected. Boy, did we have a feast. The meat that Larry Walton brought from Texas was the best I have ever had. The salad, corn on the cob and baked beans (everyone got a couple of Beanos just so they could keep in tune) and the dessert were

scrumptious. Had a big drawing, lots of great gifts. They conned me into buying 18 tickets and they wouldn't let me even win one thing. Wait until they come to our picnic. I'll get even. I wrote down all their names. But all in all, I had a great time.

I know I have been updating in every article about Beverly, but I had so many ask about her at the picnic. As most of you know, Beverly had a quadruple bypass November 18, 1999. Four days later she suffered a massive stroke. Fourteen days later she had a cardiac arrest. They revived her after about 15 minutes. She suffered more brain damage. Six days later she suffered a major seizure. She has been in four different hospitals and spent three miserable weeks in a convalescent home before she ended up in Loma Linda Hospital. There, they found a tumor on the colon. Biopsy showed up negative. They tell me I have three choices: 1) Don't do anything; 2) Have a major surgery and remove all the colon and tumor (but she could not survive this type of operation); 3) Have a colostomy and leave the tumor alone. Don't leave me with much choice, but I'll work it out. Besides all this, she has pneumonia and congestive heart failure. And she has been lying in bed for seven months. She can hardly move. At present, Blue Cross has been fitting all the bills. Ran out of hospital Medicare, but when I went to the nursing home I started using my 100 Medicare days. On May 16th, when she had to go back to the hospital, Medicare stopped paying, and thank God for having Blue Cross. Blue Cross picked up all the hospital bills. It is complicated but if you read that Medicare 2000 book and absorb all of it, you'll make it. You also have to fight and get tough because some of these people from Medicare will double-talk you. I know I don't speak good English and I was born here,

but you cannot understand some of them (that are now American citizens). You have to stand firm and ask to speak with a supervisor. Then and only then maybe you can get someplace and understand. For those of you who thought the insurance paid all the ambulance fees, think again. Sometimes it pays for the pick-up and only for the first 19 miles. You pay the rest. That is if you don't have a good secondary insurance and then you have to start yelling and stamping your feet and maybe you'll continue them to pay. Thank God for Blue Cross. For all of you retirees that don't have Blue Cross, better think twice and come switch. You can change once a year. I'm glad I changed. You have the greatest bunch of people working for Blue Cross and besides believe it nor not they speak English and care about you.

My day begins at 5:00 a.m. I drive 42 miles to the hospital, spend all day from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Some days Beverly is alert but there are days when she will not wake up. But I'm there just

in case. When she's alert she is fun and smiles a lot and wants me to hold her hand. I have to watch and not let her see me distraught or sad. She senses this and she too becomes sad and sheds some tears. I put an update on my phone every five days and I get from eight to 20 calls a day according to my caller I.D. box. Some leave a message but mostly they just want to get an update on Beverly. You all are the greatest.

I went for my yearly checkup for my heart. The doctor tells me that I have to slow down that because of working hard all my life my heart is wearing out. I told her. "No doctor, my heart is not wearing out, it is just broken."

Well gang, buckle up and keep on your toes. It's a jungle out there, and keep up the prayers. They sure help, and God bless.

Oh yes, the next meeting and luncheon is October 11, 2000. Read the September issue for more particulars and I still have the same phone number (909-925-4491).



Lt. John Tabares with his family at his retirement.



Recently retired Lt. Paul Wright (rt.) with his dad Robert D. Wright, also LAPD, retired in 1975 as Investigator III (S/W Detectives).

Inland Northwest Division Annual Steak Fry



SAT., AUGUST 26, 2000, 1400 HRS TIL 2100.
DINNER AT 1730. ROSS POINT KIWANIS PARK,
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Questions: Gail Coutts @ (208) 762-2111, E-mail Gailkat99@aol.com or Kent Setty @ (208) 765-5020, E-mail kentset@ior.com



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"GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING"

When: August 2, 2000

Location: GRACE E. SIMONS LODGE

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LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

(323) 665-1155

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DEVONSHIRE PATROL
"THE LAST POLICEWOMAN"
#14960

Friday July 21st 2000

@ Encino Glen Restaurant
1621 BURBANK BLVD.
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1800 Social Hour
1900 Dinner

Cost:
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JULY 20, 2000
SOCIAL @ 1730
Dinner @ 1900

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CARS, BUSES
RETIRED 7-14-00

The Los Angeles Police Department presents a Retirement Party

CET. I R.D. GONZALES
NORTH-EAST DETECTIVES

July 20, 2000
SOCIAL @ 1730
Dinner @ 1900

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Honoring... **SERGEANT**

STAN COCHRAN
HOLLYWOOD PATROL
#21513

Wednesday August 9, 2000

@ The L.A. Police Academy
1680 N Academy Dr.
Los Angeles

1700 hrs Cocktails
1800 hrs Dinner

Cost:
\$25
Ticket Contacts:
Sgt. Dan Anderson (213) 485-4302
or
HWD Watch Commander

STAN'S RAP SHEET
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Watch Div 1755
Hollywood Div 577
Wilshire Div 4700
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West Valley Div 790
Central Div 11791
Foothill Div 595
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RETIRED 1/2000

THANK COCHRAN, HE'S FINALLY COMING DOWN, ONE TO GO!

AMTRAC 16

Cost:
\$25
Ticket Contacts:
Sgt. Dan Anderson (213) 485-4302
or
HWD Watch Commander

The Los Angeles Police Department Announces A Retirement Luncheon

Honoring... **DETECTIVE III**

Robert "Bob" Uber
OIC VALLEY TRAFFIC DETECTIVE SECTION

Friday July 28th 2000

At
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11:00 AM - Social Hr
11:30 AM - Lunch

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BOB'S RAP SHEET
Training Div Aug 4th 1978
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Valley Crime P-2
Van Nuys Patrol P-2
Van Nuys Detectives P-2
Van Nuys Patrol P-3
Van Nuys Detectives P-3
Valley Traffic Detectives
P-1, P-2, P-3
RETIRED Aug 6th 2000

25 yrs LAPD

Ticket Contacts:
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RETIREMENT DINNER

IN HONOR OF

Sgt. II GILISPIE H. WALDRON
#16972

R-20 DAVID "BOSS HOG"
ACADEMY LOUNGE

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2000

1700 Hours
\$30.00

UTAH

4/21 Trng Div - Recruit
10/71 Foothill Patrol
12/76 Traffic Safety Unit - P3
5/78 Metro Div
7/79 Metro Div - SWAT
6/82 Hwd Div - Sgt. I
3/84 77th Div
3/85 Hwd Div
11/85 Metro Div - Sgt. II
7/86 Metro Div - SWAT

February 26, 2000 - Retired

Checks payable to: "SWAT Fund"
Information
Sgt. Ed Arneson or Major Deak
213 445-4771

The Los Angeles Police Department presents a Retirement Dinner for Detective III **Albert "All" #15614**

GONZALES
CENTRAL HOMICIDE

Thursday, July 27, 2000

SOCIAL HOUR @ 1730 • DINNER @ 1900

Brookside Golf Course
103 ROSEMARY AV PASADENA, CA

Cost:
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OCD PARK 2-79
CENT DET. DIV 8-84
DSO GANGS 10-84
HEMT. HOWL 3-85
CENT HOMICIDE 1-85
RETIRED 7-10-00

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21 STAFF

For tickets contact:
Detectives RUSS LONG,
EMMETT BADAR, AL MARFNGO
(213) 485-2671

Retirement Announcement:

D-III M. Valenciana, #17582

Mike is having a party & saying "GOOD-BYE"

Date: 7/16/00
Time: 1300-1900
Location:
American Legion
13759 Central Ave., Chino, CA 91710
Dress: Casual
Contacts: Joe P. (213) 485-2566
Terri Ortiz (213) 847-4264
Vinny Carreon (213) 847-4264
R.S.V.P. by 7/10/00

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Retirement Date: 7/3/00
Retirement Party \$20.00

Wednesday, July 19, 2000

1800 Social Hour | 1900 Dinner

Elks Lodge
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West Valley Patrol
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DIII David J. Martin
Robbery Homicide Division

Appt. 7/8/74 - Ret. 7/8/00 - 26 Years
Party: 7/28/00

West Covina Elks Club, West Covina
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1700 hrs - Drinks
1800 hrs - Dinner

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The Los Angeles Police Department Announces A ...
3 for 1 Retirement Dinner
Honoring... DETECTIVE III

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ORGANIZED CRIME AND VICE DIV.

#16079

Friday
July 21st 2000
at the
Police Academy
Banquet Room



Cost:

\$30

Ticket Contacts:

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Honoring... LIEUTENANT II

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ORGANIZED CRIME AND VICE DIV.
SECTION OIC

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Cost:

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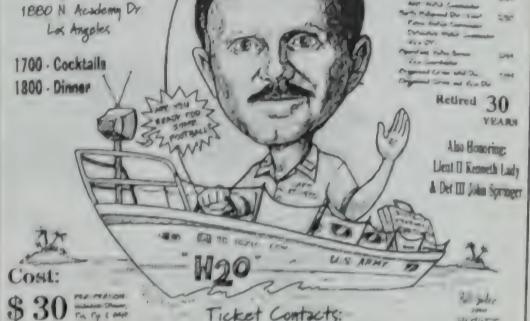
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Honoring... LIEUTENANT II

JOHN "H2O" WATERS

ORGANIZED CRIME AND VICE DIV.
SECTION OIC

#16240

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Banquet Room



Cost:

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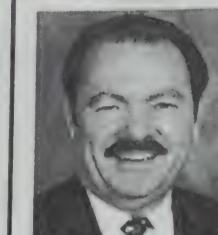


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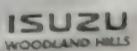
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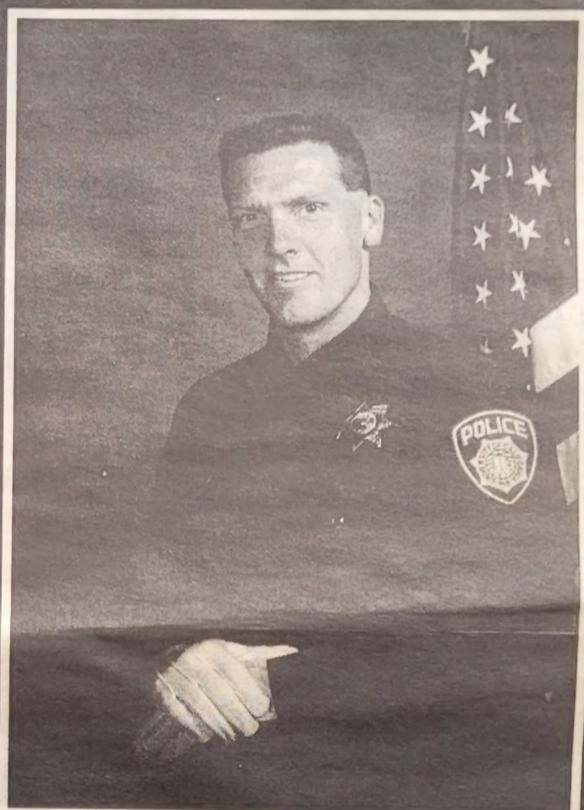
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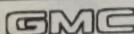


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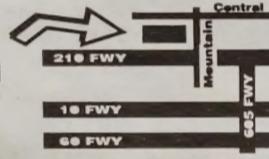
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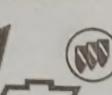
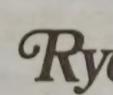
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